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An Interview With

Laura Bush

Educator • Advocate • First Lady • Theta

Overcoming Obstacles

By now, you will have noticed the cover of this issue. Even if you are the kind of magazine reader who begins reading at the back and works her way forward, you will have noticed the cover.

It has been almost five years (Summer 2000) since Laura Welch Bush, Beta Sigma/SMU, was last featured on the pages of *The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine*. In the interim, George W. Bush has been elected and re-elected to the presidency of the United States, and Laura Bush's face has become one of the most recognized on the planet.

Since the first election, I have had hopes of a cover story about the first lady. It seemed, though, that circumstances were conspiring against us, and I was never able to obtain a definite appointment. Certainly an abundance of information is available about the first lady, both in the print media and on the Internet, but I think it's unfair to both the reader and the subject of an article to cobble it together from secondary sources. So we waited.

Finally, early this January, we got the good news: we were a "yes" for a telephone interview! I already knew who should write the article: Susan Holloway, former editor of the *The Magazine* and author of articles about such distinguished Thetas as Marlo Thomas and Nancy Kassebaum. Susan cleared her schedule, we made the arrangements about time and phone numbers ... it was finally going to happen.

Or maybe not. I had forgotten about Indiana's notoriously fickle weather. Susan lives in a city northeast of Indianapolis, and the day before the interview was to take place, an ice

storm knocked out electricity and phone service to much of her community. For security reasons, the first lady's office preferred that the interview not be conducted via cell phone; because there were live power lines down in her neighborhood, Susan couldn't travel to her office to conduct the interview there.

You can probably imagine the frantic phone calls between Muncie and Indianapolis and between Indianapolis and Washington, DC, that morning. Happily, Susan was able to locate a friend with a working land line, and she conducted the interview while viewing her notes by flashlight. Afterward, she said that she had been nervous enough at just the prospect of the interview, and that the less-than-ideal circumstances had done very little for her peace of mind. I said that I hoped she could go home to her chilly house, crawl under some blankets, and sleep for the rest of the day.

But unbeknownst to me, Susan at that time was experiencing some upheaval in her life, including her daughter's trip to China, her mother's heart bypass surgery, and a friend's chemotherapy and radiation treatments.

She later wrote, "The month I had the pleasure of interviewing Laura Bush provided me with a firm reminder that I am not in control in this world.... My sense of helplessness was magnified by tragedy and adversity on much larger scale: the tsunami in Southeast Asia; the war in Iraq; and unrest, disease, and suffering in many parts of the world.

"But as I watched and listened and thought and prayed, another truth soon

emerged: although the inevitable crisis and craziness of this world may not be in our control, how we cope is.... Laura Bush models the kind of calm, confidence, and concern for others that makes a difference in times of crisis and every day."

I am glad to report that by the time she shared this with me, Susan's daughter had returned home safely from a wonderful trip, her friend seemed to not miss a beat as she completed her cancer treatments, and her mother is recovering nicely.

And—as Susan pointed out to me—Kappa Alpha Theta was founded to help her members weather just such difficult times. In the midst of their personal adversity, our founders created in Kappa Alpha Theta a support system of friendship and sisterhood. And perhaps it is this—a source of caring and support—that America seeks in its first ladies. As Laura Bush points out in the interview that begins on page 24, "first lady" is not a title or an elected office or a political appointment. It is what each woman who lives in the White House makes of it. However individual Americans may feel about President Bush and his administration, Laura Bush, first lady, is not only widely admired but also regarded with a great deal of affection.

Whatever your political leanings, we think you will enjoy learning more about Laura Bush, a Theta who—like all of us—juggles multiple roles but does so in a very public arena.

Loyally,

Liz Appel Rinck

Liz Appel-Rinck, Γ/Butler
Editor

A MESSAGE FROM THE FRATERNITY ARCHIVIST

by Mary Edith Arnold, AM/Missouri

"In the past several months, Thetas have expressed dismay about Theta items—particularly ritual books—auctioned on eBay. As the Fraternity's archivist, I monitor "Kappa Alpha Theta" items that appear on eBay, and the auction site has actually helped us "fill in some gaps" in Theta's archives. However, like other concerned members, I also feel frustrated and disappointed when the site includes items we'd rather not see in the public arena.

"The Fraternity has adopted a policy of not bidding on

ritual books offered on eBay. By bidding, we would only drive up the price and thereby encourage other sellers. The real value of our ritual book is that it provides a standardized way to share and reinforce the Fraternity's values and ideals with all members. The book itself is not valuable as an artifact. In addition, any book in the hands of someone who places it up for auction could already have been photocopied, so making the highest bid on the actual volume accomplishes little.

"Certainly all Thetas are saddened by this situation. It is important to remember that our sisterhood holds inherent value and that we honor ritual because it reinforces our highest ideals."

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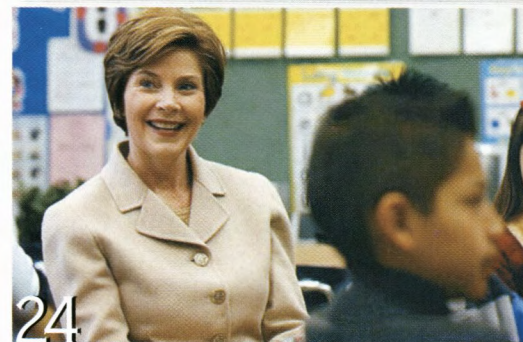
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OUT HER COLLEGE AND ALUMNAE
EXPERIENCE AND TO OFFER
LIFELONG OPPORTUNITY FOR SOCIAL,
INTELLECTUAL, AND MORAL GROWTH
AS SHE MEETS THE HIGHER AND
BROADER DEMANDS OF MATURE LIFE.

We regret the following errors.

- On page 14 of the Autumn 2004 issue, the Mu Chapter at Allegheny was not listed as the runner-up for the Excellence in Community Service award presented at Grand Convention.
- On page 10 of the Winter 2004-05 issue, Charlotte Cuneo Patrick's maiden name was misspelled, and the Gamma Xi Chapter at San Jose State was misidentified as the Gamma Chi Chapter.

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A SOLDIER'S STORY

Carolyn Wilhelm's negative comments (Winter 2004-05) concerning the article you had on Anita Trepanier in the autumn issue were disheartening. I think most readers of *The Magazine* took the story as you intended: to tell us about one of our sisters who is making a difference, with no underlying political bias on your part. Thank you for letting us know about Anita.

SUSAN DICKEY
BΔ/ARIZONA

After reading your story on Anita Trepanier, I decided to write to her since we have several things in common. About 35 years ago, I was in a foreign land, a very lonely officer myself, same rank but a different branch of the military and sent by a Democrat rather than a Republican. Ms. Williams has no idea what responsibilities Captain Trepanier has in accomplishing her missions and caring for her subordinates. To make her a political target is totally uncalled for.

Captain Trepanier answered my letter the same day she received it. She was so sincere and said that she was having a bad day until she got my letter.

I am the father of a Theta and thought that Ms. Wilhelm needed a response. I would like to urge all Thetas to support our men and women in uniform. You do not need to be for or against the war to put yourself in their shoes, realize what sacrifices they are making, and thank them for their service.

BOB HILL
(father of a member of Gamma deuteron)

I should have written earlier to commend Erin Kretschmar and *The Magazine* for printing the story about Anita Trepanier. It was wonderfully written from the perspective of a day in the life of a soldier. *The Magazine* routinely places spotlights on Theta's involved in current events, and this is no exception.

One of the reasons I joined Theta, as did Anita, was the opportunity to share the bonds of sisterhood not only in college, but beyond the classroom. Whether a sister believes in the war or one's decision to join the military is irrelevant in the Anita Trepanier story; the issue is supporting our sisters in

their times of need. The fact is that Anita works long hours and is thousands of miles away from home. She has greatly appreciated the letters and packages that Thetas nationwide have sent her. She is able to not only get a little piece of home for herself, but also to share with her fellow soldiers.

Thank you, Theta sisterhood, for sending hopes from home to Anita and the troops. Your notes and thoughts are a relief from the day-to-day work each soldier does. They perform their duties without injecting their own partisan politics, not because they necessarily chose to be in Iraq, but because they chose to serve the American public with or without popular support. Anita and the other soldiers fight for your rights to agree or disagree with their actions, to support them or defame them. As soldiers, it is their duty to work with or without gratitude; I, like many others, choose to empathize about how difficult it is to be away from home for months and years on end. I choose faith, hope, and love.

Anita's address has changed, although her mail is forwarded, if you would like to send letters or packages of non-perishable items:

Anita Trepanier
2BCT, HHC, 210 FSB
10th MTN DIV (LI)
APO AE 09303

KELLY STANDRIDGE-HANDLEY
(Anita's Theta big sister)
ZΣ/OHIO NORTHERN

I am writing this in response to Carolyn Wilhelm's letter in the Winter 2004 issue of *The Magazine*.

As a Theta who served in the Middle East at the onset of Operation Iraqi Freedom, I was pleased to see *The*

LETTERS



Magazine profile a fellow Theta serving in the Middle East. I am a reservist attending law school and was proud and honored to serve my country when called, even if that meant putting school on hold. That doesn't mean I think war is always necessary, but I signed a contract eleven years ago to serve my country, and I will never be prouder of doing so.

I am sorry Ms. Wilhelm feels the need to be removed from the mailing list. How ironic that she is miffed at *The Magazine*, because the military helps defend *The Magazine's* right to print a story on an accomplished Theta such as Ms. Trepanier, as well as Ms. Wilhelm's right to speak out against the war.

STACIE GREENLEE
ΔY/EASTERN KENTUCKY

Our Theta magazine arrived in the mail today, and I at once sat down to read it. I must send you a rebuttal of our Indiana's sister's take on Anita Trepanier's presence in Iraq. When I read the article in the Autumn issue, I was so impressed that I at once sat down and sent Anita a Christmas card, thanking her for being where she is and noting the fact that perhaps my Christmas would be peaceful and calm because of her. She has answered my notes, and I am proud to be her correspondent/sister in Theta. Perhaps we can leave the discussion there, but I felt it was most necessary for me to let you, and especially Anita, know that the majority of her Theta sisters know how much she is giving up.

DONNA ANDRESS
BM/NEVADA

REUNIONS ANNOUNCED

BΦ/Penn State

The Diamond Jubilee of the Beta Phi Chapter at Penn State will be held on May 5 - 7, 2006. The contact person is Marilyn Doan Jenkins, 814-231-2556 or jgroup@aol.com.

BN/Florida State

Alumnae reunion the weekend of May 27 (Memorial Day) in Sarasota, Fla., for classes initiated 1982 to 1988. Contact Michelle King Gallagher, michelle@gallagher.com, for details.

SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars now! Grand Convention 2006 will be held June 28 - July 2 at the San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter in historic San Antonio, Texas.

A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY

On February 22, Dorothy Whitehurst Heard, Alpha Theta/Texas, celebrated her 100th birthday. Although she steadfastly discouraged the idea of an actual birthday party, friends and family visited, called, and send cards for several weeks both before and after "the big day."

Past president and treasurer of the Houston Alumnae Chapter, Dorothy Heard served the larger Fraternity as college district president, Grand Council member-at-large, and Fraternity vice-president finance. She also served as treasurer and then president of the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation. In 1980, the Houston Alumnae Chapter established the Dorothy Whitehurst Heard Scholarship in her honor. It has been awarded for graduate study to 30 Thetas who exemplify the ideals of the Fraternity and exceed academically.

Heard's interests outside Theta have included PTA, Medical Auxiliary, and numerous church and civic activities. She currently enjoys calisthenics, crossword puzzles, Internet surfing, TV sports, and *Wheel of Fortune*.

FIRST LADY HONORED

In recognition of her numerous contributions toward literacy and women's health, as well as her status as a Theta role model, Laura Welch Bush, Beta Sigma/SMU, was presented the Jane



Kimberly Thornton, ΔK/LSU; Ashley Brown, ΔK/LSU, chapter president; First Lady Laura Welch Bush, BΣ/SMU; and Rae Saloom Gremillion, ΔK/LSU, facility corporation board president.

Caldwell Flores Theta for a Lifetime Award. The award, given in memory of Jane Caldwell Flores, Delta Kappa/LSU, is presented by the Delta Kappa Chapter to a Theta alumna who embodies the Fraternity's ideals of inspirational leadership and intellectual growth and who demonstrates integrity in public and private life.

At a September luncheon in Shreveport, La., Bush was presented a set of leather-bound books, *Characteristics of Women, Moral, Poetical, and Historical*, printed in 1836. The Theta for a Lifetime Award—a Baccarat vase—is permanently housed in the Jane Caldwell Flores Alumnae Library at the Delta Kappa Chapter facility.

NEW ALUMNAE CHAPTER

Congratulations to the Columbia (Missouri) Area Alumnae Chapter, which was granted a charter by Grand Council on December 16. The chartering ceremony was held on January 29, in conjunction with a Founders Day celebration.

PLANNING A REUNION?

If you are trying to locate Thetas from your chapter for a reunion, place a reunion notice in *The Magazine*! Send a brief notice to Reunions, *The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine*, 8740 Founders Road, Indianapolis, IN 46268. Be sure to include a contact name, phone number, and e-mail address.

Notices for reunions to be held May through July must be received by January 31; for August through October, received by April 11; for November through January, received by July 11; and for February through April, by October 23.

WRITE TO US!

Do you have a comment about an article in this or any other issue of *The Magazine*? Do you have a Theta issue on your mind? Then let us hear from you! We are pleased to receive letters from our readers; we value your input.

Letters to *The Magazine* may be sent via mail (Liz Rinck, Kappa Alpha Theta, 8740 Founders Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46268), fax (317-876-1925), or e-mail (lrinck@kappaalphatheta.org). ♦

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to the following college and alumnae chapters celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2005!

135 Years

A/DePauw

75 years

BY/British Columbia
Dayton Alumnae Chapter

50 years

ΓΨ/Texas Christian
Fort Worth Alumnae Chapter

25 Years

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Boise Alumnae Chapter
Palos Verdes Alumnae Chapter

15 Years

ZA/College of Charleston
Boston Metro Alumnae Chapter
Jackson Alumnae Chapter
Plano Alumnae Chapter

10 Years

ZT/Delaware
Raleigh/Durham/Chapel Hill
Alumnae Chapter

Spring has finally sprung, and summer is just around the corner!

No matter what the time of year, the Kappa Alpha Theta website offers a wealth of resources.

● Do you know a potential member who will participate in fall recruitment? You can download and print a *Letter of Reference* form from the homepage or the **Form Zone** and consult the *Recruitment Roster* to learn where to send the letter.

● Visit the **Theta Discussion Area** to chat with Thetas from all over the world.



● College chapter officers – Double-check the master calendar (*located in **Thetas Online***) to find out what forms you may need to file before the end of the school year and throughout the summer.

● View the *Educational Resources* in **Thetas Online** to brush up on some Theta history and facts.

Theta
Marketplace



Check out the wide variety of items in the **Theta Marketplace**:

- **Theta Jewelry** – necklaces and bracelets to badges and guards ... and more!
- **Pansy Peddler** – A graduation sash to wear on that special day, sweatshirts, blankets, hats, scrapbooking gear – the list goes on and on!
- **Thetas.us** – a full-service, economical Internet Service Provider
- **QSP Magazine Program** – get a new magazine subscription or renew an old one, and benefit the chapter of your choice.
- **The Theta credit card** and **Theta calling card** – convenient options at competitive rates.

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SNAPSHOTS



The September wedding of **Megan McCarthy Warrum**, fourth generation AX/Purdue, reunited many Alpha Chi Thetas. (back) **Lorie Larson Land**, **Allyson Boehning**, (fourth) **Erin Grabham**, (third) **Krystyna Oporowicz Toalson**, **Stacy Wehrfritz Markovich**, **Francie Grannan Hinds**, (second) **Steph Bender**, **Jen Draper**, **Julie Risk Pope**, **Ellie MacDonald**, **Amy Jacobsen**, (front) **Carol Land McCarthy**, **Megan McCarthy Warrum**, and **Joan Baugh Land**.



Over the summer, these eight women representing six schools enjoyed working together as counselors at Camp De Soto in Mentone, Ala. (back) **Kelley Leachman**, AH/Vanderbilt; **Grace Armstrong**, EZ/Mississippi; **Annie Gowland** and **Jannie Steck**, both A/DePauw; **Emily McDowell**, ZI/Washington & Lee; (front) **Meredith Laborde**, ΔK/Louisiana; and **Eden Walker** and **Kelly Singefeld**, both ΓΔ/Georgia.



Kristin Robbins, ΔΣ/Texas A&M, posed with her grandmother, **Nancy Robbins**, AΘ/University of Texas, in front of the Theta facility. Kristin's great-grandmother, **Edina Hogan Welsh**, was also an Alpha Theta.

Dr. Carolyn Starace Johnston, ΓK/George Washington, was named Maryland's 2004 national distinguished principal. Johnson, hailed as the true instructional leader of her school, Fruitland Primary, convinced the school system to let her expand the mathematics instruction time from 50 minutes to 90 minutes daily. As a result, student accountability test scores rose in both reading and math. In 2003, she was awarded the State of Maryland International Reading Association Presidential Award and the International Reading Association's Celebrate Literacy Award. She is a past president of the Eastern Shore Reading Council and the Maryland International Reading Council.

Anne-Michelle Langlois, ZI/Washington & Lee, and her business partner were awarded *Southern Living's* interior design project for the 2004 Athens idea house featured in the August 2004 issue. The team's idea was also featured in the 2004 Idea House book.

Kendy Gable, I/Cornell, was crowned the national Guernsey queen in July 2004 at the National Guernsey Convention in New York, after first being crowned the Pennsylvania Guernsey queen. She also participated in a week full of activities at the National Guernsey Convention. As queen, Gable has been traveling across the country to numerous Guernsey shows and events. A Guernsey is one of the six breeds of dairy cattle.



Thekla Reese Shackelford, BT/Denison, was awarded the 2004 American Red Cross Humanitarian of the Year Award, recognizing her long-time commitment to the Columbus, Ohio, community. Shackelford serves as chair of the I Know I Can Scholarship board, president of Project GRAD- Columbus, secretary/treasurer of Project GRAD- Ohio, on the Board of Directors of the Ohio College Access Network, and is founder of School Selection Consulting.

Carol Maloney, B/Indiana, was honored at the 2004 Women of Distinction Awards Dinner in Bloomington, Ind. Maloney is vice-president of Education Initiatives and director of the Franklin Initiatives for the Greater Bloomington Chamber of Commerce and was chosen because of her service to the community.

Thetas from **Hilton Head Island, SC**, raised \$450 for CASA at a luncheon and auction. Many of the women donated their creativity by making items for the silent auction, while others raised money for the cause.

Lead by **Debbie Bolduc**, AΞ/Oregon, students in a graduate seminar on philanthropy at Oregon donated \$10,000 to CASA of Lane County. Students were divided into groups and asked to research and present a case for the philanthropy of their choice. The class voted for Bolduc's group, which argued the case for CASA.

Lindsay Wadleigh, Ψ/Wisconsin, was awarded the CREON Family Scholarship for her academic and extracurricular excellence, despite being

diagnosed at an early age with cystic fibrosis. Wadleigh has earned a regular spot on the dean's list and acceptance into multiple honor societies; she also volunteers for many non-profit organizations.

The California division of the American Cancer Society appointed **Debbie Douglas**,

BTI/Michigan State, as chairman of its corporate communications team. As chairman, Douglas will counsel staff on ways to effectively outreach to California's 34 million people with compelling messages to raise awareness of the Society and support the Society's cancer control and fund-raising goals.



Eleanor Robb, BT/Denison and an art enthusiast, funded the Children's Art Workshop at Arizona State University. With her generous contribution, they were able to keep offering art classes and bought a new printing press for the children.

At the annual YMCA women of achievement benefit luncheon in Spokane, Wash., **Ruth Thompson**, AA/University of Washington received the Lifetime Award.

As chairman of molecular virology, immunology and medical genetics at Ohio State, **Caroline Whitacre**, AT/Ohio State, was named a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Her studies focus on why women are far more at risk than men to develop autoimmune diseases such as lupus, diabetes, and multiple sclerosis.

Alexis Barbieri, BE/Pennsylvania, director of the Pennsylvania Attorney General's Public Protection Division, was a recipient of the 2004 outstanding service award presented by the Widener University School of Law. She was selected based on her ongoing participation in the law school's government service seminars and state politics presentations and programs, as well on her career development for women lawyers.

Named the 2004 CASA director of the year for the state of Oklahoma, **Patricia Gallagher Acebo**, ΓT/Tulsa, has been instrumental in the success of the CASA program in Oklahoma. Acebo educates the community on abuse and neglect issues by actively participating and collaborating with agencies and organizations that work for the best interest of children.



The music of **Cristi Cary Miller**, BZ/Oklahoma State, was featured in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Her song "Spirit of America" was sung by the American Sings ensemble of 650 kids nationwide. Miller has written and published more than 100 original works.

ALUMNAE



Ten members of ΔN/Arkansas met at The Inn at Carnall Hall/University of Arkansas to celebrate their fiftieth birthdays. (Back) Deby Bradley Bailey, Cissie Burford Pendergrass, Holly Tuttle Fourmy, Dana Thompson Craig, Rebecca Howell, Roberta Boyd Billingsley, (front) Char Bankston Griffie, Pris Jeffers Reed, Mary Cox Area, and Lynn Boas Hulette.



ΑΓ/Ohio State hosted a career dinner night for alumnae and collegians. (Back) Erin Hartong, M/Allegheny; Kristi Chapman, BZ/Oklahoma State; Carol Lease Gravelle, ΑΓ/Ohio State; (front) Alana Schocky, Heather Pearson, Andie Snider, and Susan Smith Shockey, all ΑΓ/Ohio State.



Sharon Sutton Miller, ΓΥ/Miami, a 20-year breast cancer survivor, had the support of her local alumnae chapter as she walked the Race for the Cure in St. Petersburg, Fla. Emily Vance Gillespie, ΓΙ/Kentucky; Susan Fluharty Regan, Α/DePauw; Amy Waldrep Nolan, ΖΑ/Santa Clara; Sharon Sutton Miller; Rachel Sapp, sister of Hearn; and Rebecca Nannen Hearn, ΓΤ/Rollins.

Findlay, Ohio, alumnae gathered to celebrate their 50-year honorees. (back) Mary Cullinan Wheeler, ΓΤ/Tulsa; Nancy Martin Wilkins, ΓΔ/Ohio Wesleyan; Suzi Koepke Healy, N/Hanover; Becky Monroe Miller and Laurie McGregor Connor, both ΓΔ/Ohio Wesleyan; (middle) Marge Mangus Kruse, ΓΔ/Ohio Wesleyan; Laura Bird Crates, ΖΣ/Ohio Northern; Marsha Esterly Williams, ΓΔ/Ohio Wesleyan; Barb Rasor Dysinger, ΒΤ/Denison; (front) Linda Snyder Weaver, ΓΥ/Miami; and Ann Cramer Jaffee, ΑΓ/Ohio State.



Libby Davis Wetherholt and Gail Hatcher Messick, both ΑΓ/Ohio State, showed off the beautiful poinsettia baskets sold by their Columbus, Ohio, alumnae chapter.



Diana Hurley, ΕΝ/Virginia Tech; Donna Palmer, Τ/Northwestern; Ginny Gilbert, Χ/Syracuse; and Carol Lane, ΓΜ/Maryland, posed after their November chapter alumnae meeting. Their group started an educational seminar series for its members.

The Houston Northwest, Houston, Woodlands Area, Katy/West Houston, and Kingwood/Humble Alumnae Chapters honored Fraternity President Karen Albrecht Ledbetter, ΓΤ/Tulsa, at a joint luncheon. (Back) Donna Davis Knodle ΔΩ/Texas A&M; Martha Taylor Jones, ΑΟ/Oklahoma; Cindy James Bohannon, ΒΣ/SMU; Anne Sadler Budill, ΑΧ/Purdue; Lee Ann Coulson Liebs, ΓΦ/Texas Tech; Debbi Alexander Kremer, ΔΩ/Texas A&M; Pat Henderson Fritz, ΓΦ/Texas Tech; second: Dinah Hampton McClymonds, ΓΤ/Rollins; Janet Schoeller Knight, ΒΣ/SMU; Suzanne Bartlett Craig, ΓΥ/TCU; Kris Gaiser Conner, ΔΔ/Whitman; Linda Yarberry Vogt, ΒΣ/SMU; front: Karen Clark Tinsley, ΕΕ/Baylor; Judy Camp Sauer, ΑΘ/Texas; Karen Ledbetter; Laura Ware Doerre, ΔΞ/North Carolina; Judith Stinson Cowan, ΔΩ/Texas A&M; Marilyn Cheshier Lynch, ΓΦ/Texas Tech; Jennifer Justice Bowen, ΓΥ/TCU.



Reunions



1 Ten members of **Nu/Hanover** traveled to their annual holiday party in St. Louis, Mo. The sisters enjoyed an ornament exchange and wine tasting and stayed up late to reminisce about their college days. (Back) Erica Vidmer Fritsche, Mandy Blythe Richmond, (middle) Ellie Gesenhues Singleton, Amy Frazee Stewart, Amber Robertson Stormer, Abby Brinkman, Colleen Koch Murphy, Cathy Feit Purciful, (front) Katie Rusch Belange, and Ashley Hughes Hayden.



2 On their fiftieth anniversary of joining Theta, (back) Judy Life Ikenberry, Margi Davis Whitehead, Judi Barney Kless, (front) Mary Hiday Schultz, Carolyn Ashbaucher Bigler, Katherine Goodwin Klinger, Connie Butterfield Scott, Carol Irish Griscom, Nancee Clark Currier, Esther Pastene, and Sally Wiese Matthews, all **AX/Purdue**, gathered on the front porch of the Theta headquarters in Indianapolis, Ind. As Bigler wrote, "old friends are the best."



3 After 50 years of remaining close, it was time for the class of 1954 from **Δ/Illinois** to celebrate. Twenty-four members from their class, as well as from the classes of 1953 and 1955, gathered for homecoming weekend. Activities included dinner at a sister's home, the Illinois vs. Purdue football game, and—of course—a visit to the facility to see all the changes over the last 50 years. Doris Drew Robertson, Kay Kile Ahrendt, Sue Olmstead Wold, Judy Hoggatt Manning, Judy Gerstenberger Morris, Sue Anderson Busby, and Mary Kent Twardock.

4 A weekend trip to Chicago, complete with spa treatments, great dinners, and good times, brought 10 **B/Indiana** sisters together. (Back) Ashley Rhea Shields, Emily Layton Diefenthaler, Sara Gerlach, Erin Reilly Lewis, Abby Love Burtelow, (front) Clair Otte, Katy Huffman Walker, Courtney Curtis Hadden, Suzanne Hindman Smith, and Erin Griffin Sullivan.



5 Thetas from **ΓΔ/Georgia** met in St. Simons Island for their annual reunion. Renee Reeves Webb, Diane Wisbach Clegg, Susan Donziger Sherman, Dana Grubbs Andrews, Kim Landon Boyd, and Linda Marshall Hale.

6 For their first reunion, the new member class of 1978 from **ΠΠ/Iowa** rallied at the home of Diane Eaton on Lake Minnehaha, Minn. They are already planning another reunion for this year! (Back) Kathy Torno Roat, Betsy Anderson Booth, Lynn Johnson Nebergall, Diane Jorgensen Eaton, (third) Lisa Schneiderbauer Hedrick, Anna Bridgford Lampe, Jenni Gilman Frappier, Heidi Knapp Howlett, (second) Toni Falk Vanvoorhis, Lisa Sawin Peters, Kay Arend Chalupa, Susan Allgood Klee, Didi Virden Raxworthy, Sharon Heithoff Vickery, (front) Lori Rosenthal, and Peggy Mounts Secunda.



7 On New Year's Eve, (back) Vicki Totter Hess, Patricia Domin Johnson, Sally Tuholski Gleeson, (front) Karen Hoyland Raber, and Eve Ramlow Shirley, all **ΔΘ/Florida**, reunited in Georgia at the Peach Bowl.

8 Members of the **Beta Tau Chapter** at **Denison** returned to their alma mater in October to celebrate the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Fraternity's founding on Denison's campus. Current members hosted various events for the returning women, including a gala on Saturday evening and a brunch at the Theta facility on Sunday.



Maria Litfin Eschen, Ω/Berkley, published *River Otter: Handbook for Trip Planning*. This manual for planning multi-day, self-outfitted river trips aims to show rafters, canoeists, and kayakers ways to save time, money, and energy. Listed in the 2003 instructional category by the National Outdoor Book Award, the book contains photos, charts, lists, and prize-winning camp recipes.



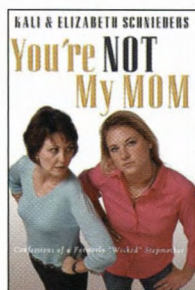
Cathy Courtright Kooy, ΑΣ/Washington State, launched her humor column *Kick Shoe Kooy* online at www.cathykooy.typepad.com. The home of *Alter Ego Therapy*, the column is noted for its promotion of humor

for women struggling with careers and relationships. Kooy has taught creative writing for the last 10 years.

Production editor of *Foreign Affairs* magazine **Traci Nagel, I/Cornell**, and husband **Sumit Ganguly** published an article in *National Geographic Traveler* magazine about their trip to the Lakshadweep Islands in the

AUTHORS

Arabian Sea. The article gave readers a taste of this secret tropical paradise.



severe against the odds, and ultimately develop a deep and loving bond.

Movie Stars and Rattlesnakes: The Heyday of Montana Live Television by **Norma Beatty Ashby, AN/Montana**, is a lighthearted story about Ashby's 26 year career at KRTV's *Today in Montana*, the longest running local-produced program in Montana television

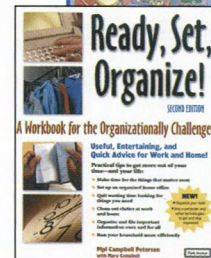
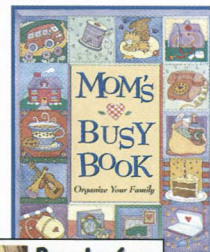
You're NOT My Mom was written by **Elizabeth Schnieders, K/Kansas**, and her stepmother, **Kali Schnieders**. The book shares their touching true story of how one stepmother and daughter unite in the face of difficulty, perse-

history. In the course of 7,000 shows, Ashby talked to seven Montana governors and first ladies, and people

ranging from movie star Clint Eastwood to rattlesnake handler Cyril Colarchek.



Pipi Campbell Peterson, P/Nebraska, wrote *Ready, Set Organize* and *Mom's Busy Book*. A professional organizer and time-management consultant for more than 35 years, Peterson was a weekly guest interviewee on a local television channel where she gave organizing tips.



Reunions

9 The BΠ/Michigan State classes of 1982 through 1986 came together for a November reunion in East Lansing, Mich. Reunion activities included a pre-game tailgate party and a facility tour.

10 In October, sisters from K/Kansas gathered for their fortieth reunion weekend at KU.

11 Thetas from BΠ/Michigan State celebrated their forty-fifth reunion at the forty-fifth parallel in Gaylord, Mich. It was the group's eighth reunion since they graduated. (Back) Nancy Yarnall Schutte, Carolyn Leeman Jenkins, Jean Rouse Lowley, Jean Juday Salwen, Connie Mohr Sperry, Anne McKay Kaminski, Mary Ellen Hewitt James, (front) Babs Darrah Moody, Genie Sparrow Schauerte, and Nancy Anderson Guthrie.

Planning a Theta reunion?

See Reunion info in Theta Times, page 4



While studying abroad in London, **Jessica Weaver, Y/Minnesota**, (above) had a visit from **Emily Peckron** and **Carrie Grummer**, both Y/Minnesota. The three traveled to Windsor and Scotland, where they saw Prince William and took in other sights of the region.



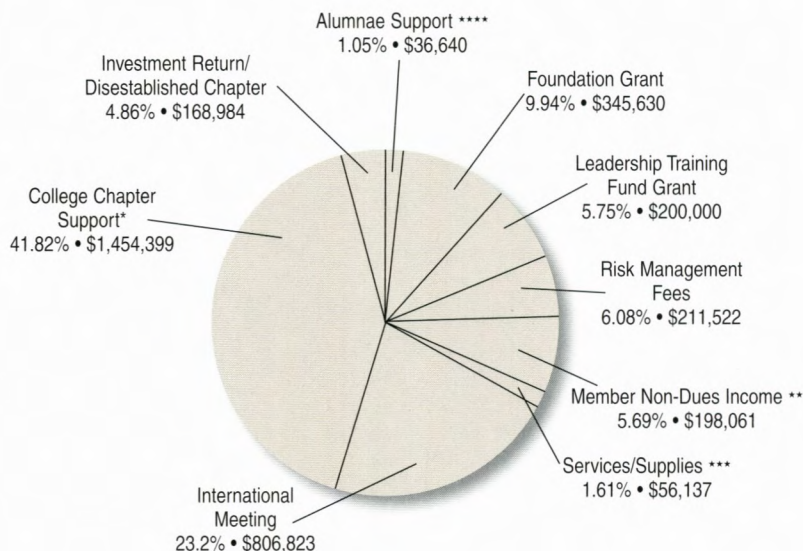
Aimee Corser, ZΘ/Cal Poly, (above) posed with **Mary Hart**, *Entertainment Tonight* anchor, during her internship with the entertainment news magazine at Paramount Pictures in Hollywood.



Fraternity Annual Report

General Treasury Income

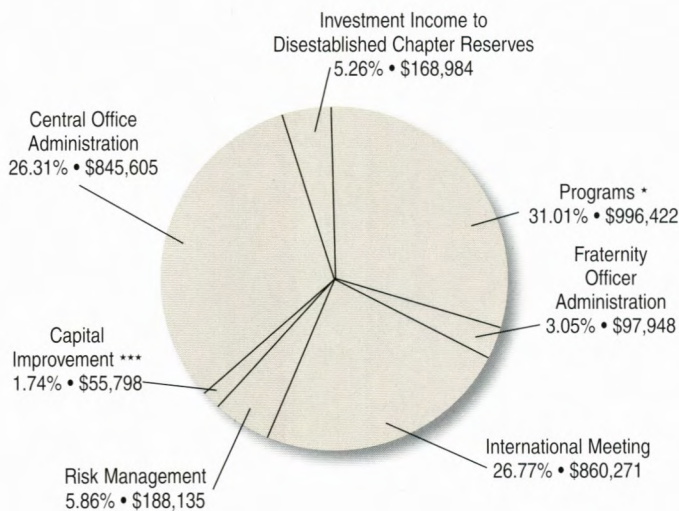
Total \$3,478,196



- ★ Initiation, per capita, & chapter services fees, etc.
- ★★ Pansy Peddler sales, jewelry commission, affinity charge card, etc.
- ★★★ Publications, labels/printouts, member links, etc.
- ★★★★ Alumnae per capita fees, paid individually and via alumnae chapters

General Treasury Expense**

Total \$3,213,163



- ★ Magazine, Educational Leadership Consultants, AlcoholEdu, chapter computers, etc.
- ★★ Percent of total toward educational programs is 27.76%
- ★★★ Computer system, remodeling

Dear Theta Sisters:

As we review the past year in our Fraternity, we see much to be proud of: two new college chapters and five alumnae chapters, our 66th Grand Convention, numerous and varied educational programs, and countless dedicated volunteers. As we celebrate these successes, let us also celebrate that which made them possible. Let us celebrate the essence of Theta, the chain of friendship that links us all.

Our Theta friendships transcend all cultural, social, geographical, and age barriers. We know that when we have an event—a birth, a death, a joy, a sorrow—we can count on other Thetas in a thousand ways, just as they can count on us. Theta friends will laugh with us, cry with us, and support us when we are down. They will celebrate our successes and cheer us up when we aren't as successful as we might have wished.

In Theta, we discover grace, confidence, and wisdom born from experiences along the way. We discover extraordinary women accomplishing extraordinary things. We find people who make us feel good without even trying, and we discover laughter that comes so easily nothing else seems to matter. In Theta, we discover that sisterhood is by choice.

As collegians and alumnae, there are many groups we can join on our campuses and in our communities, but no other groups in which we can share something as meaningful. In Kappa Alpha Theta, we can find the same things our founders did: encouragement to fulfill our goals; the chance to play a part in something larger; and true, loving friendship. As we look back at 2004 and forward to the future, let us remember that the gift we can give to one another, and to those who will follow us, is a strong sisterhood built by friendship and mutual support.

Loyally,

Karen Albrecht Ledbetter

Karen Albrecht Ledbetter
IT/Tulsa, Fraternity President

Kappa Alpha Theta's annual report provides information on Fraternity business as well as a short historical record of the year. This annual report reviews Fraternity and Foundation programs during 2004 (January 1 - December 31). The financial information for the Fraternity, however, pertains to fiscal 2003 - 2004 (July 1, 2003 - June 31, 2004). And readers should also note that some scholarship and ELC information pertains to the 2003 - 2004 academic year.



2002-04 Grand Council

Carole Frankovich Brophy, Anne Sadler Budill, Katie Busby Morrow, Kathleen Markey, Karen Albrecht Ledbetter, Debbie Bornmann Allen, Lyn Stewart Simensen and Amy Hayner Kates.

2004-2006 Grand Council

Karen Albrecht Ledbetter	Lyn Stewart Simensen
Kathleen Markey	Amy Hayner Kates
Debbie Bornmann Allen	Carole Frankovich Brophy
Katie Busby Morrow	Anne Sadler Budill

2004 Fraternity Statistics

Active College Chapters	125
Active Alumnae Chapters	182
Total Initiated Members	202,962
College Chapters Closed	Ξ/Wesleyan

Grand Convention 2004

Beneath deep blue desert skies, the twin stars of Kappa Alpha Theta shone brightly as more than 570 Thetas from across the continent gathered in Palm Desert, Calif., for Grand Convention 2004.



Grand Convention governs the Fraternity. Convention delegates, comprising college and alumnae chapter presidents; college and alumnae district presidents; and members of Grand Council, including the Foundation president and the National Panhellenic Conference delegate, considered and voted on more than 35 amendments to the Kappa Alpha Theta Constitution and Bylaws.

Highlights of the 66th Grand Convention included the Awards Banquet, at which 90 first-place awards and 43 runner-up awards were presented to college and alumnae chapters; the Panhellenic luncheon, attended by representatives from 19 of the other 25 NPC groups; the Birthday Celebration Breakfast, at which 22 college and alumnae chapters observed milestone anniversaries from the 2002-04 biennium; and the final Convention Banquet, at which the 2004-06 Grand Council was installed and two retiring members of the 2002-04 Council were honored.

A silent auction, featuring unique items donated by individual Thetas as well as college and alumnae chap-

ters, raised more than \$14,000 for the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation. The Foundation also collected more than 100 backpacks, which were presented to the Riverside County chapter of CASA. The establishment of the Mary Jane Parker Beach scholarship, which honors retired Fraternity President Mary Jane Beach, BN/Florida State, was announced at the Foundation Luncheon, as was the first recipient of the scholarship.

Growth

The Fraternity welcomed 3,605 initiated members in 2004! We also celebrated two college chapter installations and the chartering of four new alumnae chapters, as well as the re-establishment of an alumnae chapter.

The Eta Mu Chapter was installed on November 6 at Occidental College in Pasadena, Calif. With assistance from the members of the Omicron Chapter at USC, 45 members were initiated. On November 20, with assistance from the members of the Tau Chapter at Northwestern, the Eta Nu Chapter was established at Lake Forest College in Lake Forest, Ill, and 12 members were initiated. (For more information about these two chapters, please turn to page 36.)

The Birmingham (Alabama) Alumnae Chapter was re-established in 2004, joined on Theta's alumnae chapter roll by the Columbia Area (Missouri) Alumnae Chapter, the Peoria Alumnae Chapter, the Vero Beach Alumnae Chapter, and the Nature Coast (Florida) Alumnae Chapter.

Continued

Education

Advisory Board/Facility Corporation Board Conference

Teamwork was the theme of an unprecedented conference that took 156 members of Theta advisory boards and facility corporation boards to Dallas in October. The conference was designed to educate both new and experienced facility corporation board members, who serve as the board of directors of a college chapter's facility corporation, and advisory board members, who provide guidance and advice on finance, recruitment, discipline, risk management, and all other chapter issues. Educational sessions focused on member development, fund-raising techniques, the expectations of today's collegians and university administrators, and the special needs of challenged chapters.

DLCs

More than 1,125 Thetas gathered at nine District Leadership Conferences (DLCs) in cities across the US for education and training in leadership, personal development, and Theta-specific programming. The president and vice-presidents finance, education, administration, development, external relations, and membership from each college

chapter, as well as chapter advisors, attended. Participants enjoyed sharing ideas, having fun and making new Theta friends from their districts.

ELCs

As role models, mentors, guides, and ambassadors, Theta's educational leadership consultants (ELCs) are enthusiastic and well-informed. They develop educational programs, lead workshops, teach problem-solving techniques, motivate members, and offer assistance and support to college chapters. After comprehensive training in every aspect of the Fraternity's programming, policies, and procedures, as well as in effective communication, motivational techniques, and business etiquette, the nine recent graduates who served as the 2003-04 ELCs fanned out across the continent, visiting each college chapter in the US and Canada.

I am amazed by the wonderful opportunities I have experienced as an ELC. I feel so lucky to have been chosen to represent the Fraternity and have the chance to learn so much about myself in the process.



Pillow Talk

In an effort to raise awareness about a common, yet serious, women's health issue, the Fraternity, along with Bayer Pharmaceuticals, created a program to educate Thetas on the importance of recognizing the

symptoms, risk factors, and treatment options for urinary tract infections. Dubbed *Pillow Talk*, a pilot version of the program was presented to five college chapters during the 2003-04 academic year. Due to the popularity of *Pillow Talk* among collegians, advisors, and Fraternity officers, the program was expanded to reach all of Kappa Alpha Theta's US chapters in 2004-05.

LeaderShape

The LeaderShape Institute, founded in 1986, is a not-for-profit organization committed to developing in young adults the ability to "lead with integrity." In 2004, 18 Theta collegians participated in a unique six-day program at the Institute. They were given the opportunity to participate in self-discovery and practical learning experiences that build leadership concepts and abilities. Since 1990, Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation grants have allowed more than 500 Theta undergraduates to attend LeaderShape.

AlcoholEdu

The nation's first online, interactive alcohol prevention program, *AlcoholEdu* provides up-to-date social and biomedical facts to help collegians make well-informed decision about alcohol use and also to cope with the drinking behavior of peers and friends. Theta launched this program in 2002, and all chapter members were required to complete it; in 2003-04, *AlcoholEdu* was mandatory for all new chapter members.



AlcoholEdu features *Outside the Classroom*, the nation's first online alcohol prevention program. All chapter members were required to complete the program.



*The
LeaderShape
Institute impacted
me in numerous
ways, but,
most profoundly,
it enabled me to
step out of
myself and
embark on an
incredible journey
of learning.*

Scholarship

In 2004, the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation awarded \$513,250 through 208 graduate and undergraduate scholarships presented to outstanding Theta scholars. The Foundation is proud to sponsor the largest scholarship program among all Greek-letter organizations.

During the 2003-04 academic year, 1,526 undergraduate Thetas achieved straight As for at least one school term. The following college chapters achieved the number-one scholarship ranking on their campuses during at least one term during 2003-04. (An * indicates those chapters that achieved number-one status during all terms.)



Number-one Scholarship Ranking

M/Allegheny College
O/USC*
T/Northwestern
Φ/Pacific
ΑΓ/Ohio State*
ΑΕ/Brown
ΑΜ/Missouri
ΑΟ/Oklahoma*
ΑΠ/North Dakota
ΑΡ/South Dakota
ΑΣ/Washington State
ΑΦ/Tulane
ΑΧ/Purdue*
ΓΡ/UC Santa Barbara
ΓΤ/Tulsa*
ΓΦ/Texas Tech
ΕΛ/Dickinson*
ΕΣ/UC Irvine
ΖΗ/Wofford
ΖΝ/UC Davis
ΖΣ/Ohio Northern
ΖΥ/UT Dallas
ΖΩ/Loyola Marymount
ΗΙ/San Diego
ΗΚ/John Carroll

Philanthropy

Kappa Alpha Theta has a distinguished history of community service and philanthropic involvement. Since 1989, the focus of our philanthropy has been CASA, the Court Appointed Special Advocates program (In some communities, CASA is known as Guardian ad Litem and Pro Kids.) CASA's mission is to speak for the best interests of abused and neglected children involved in juvenile courts.

Each year, college and alumnae chapters host fundraisers that raise tens of thousands of dollars to support the work of their local CASA affiliates. More importantly, Thetas provide personal support by volunteering their time in local CASA offices, making toys or other items for CASA children, and hosting events for CASA children. Many Thetas complete the training to become

CASA volunteers themselves.

Through generous donations from members and chapters, the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation supports National CASA with a \$60,000 biennial grant. These monies provide education, training, and recruitment for volunteers, including publications, website development, a toll-free phone number, and the Program Director of the Year Award.

Through CASA, Thetas touch the lives of children; through the Friendship Fund, Thetas reach out and touch the lives of their sisters. Created in 1926 "...to make real to those who have met sorrow and temporary defeat the practical feel of sister hands clasping theirs in dark places," the Friendship Fund provides gifts to members experiencing extreme financial hardship due to serious or terminal illness, job loss, natural disaster, and other devastating occurrences. In 2004, the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation received more



CASA volunteers are ordinary citizens, doing extraordinary work for children, and along the way, bringing such passion, dedication, and effort to their work.

friendship fund

My gift from the Friendship Fund was a total surprise. I have always wondered who the recipients of the Friendship Fund are, and now I know. By the grace of God and the love of my friends, I am so blessed.

Thank you, Thetas.

than \$55,500 in contributions to the Friendship Fund. Most of these donations were collected at Founders Day celebrations and—in conjunction with gifts from past years—enabled the Foundation to provide gifts of more than \$60,000 to both collegians and alumnae.

Member Services

Burr Patterson & Auld Company is the official jeweler of the Fraternity, manufacturing all official and accessory jewelry. Royalties from this association during the last fiscal year were just over \$147,000.

The Right Connection, doing business as The Pansy Peddler, has been Theta's merchandise vendor for nine years. Royalties in 2004 exceeded \$5,200.

MBNA America Bank manages the Fraternity's affinity charge card, while Coverdell continues to provide insurance services. Royalties from these two programs in 2004 were about \$42,000. The Fraternity also works with National Collegiate to provide members with the Kappa Alpha Theta credit phone card and with IPPWeb to provide Internet to our members and their families. Royalties from these programs in 2004 were about \$1,500.

Finally, QSP Magazine Subscription Program was used by college chapters to help defray the costs of the District Leadership Conferences. Royalties from this program went directly toward the conference fees of the participating groups.



Foundation Annual Report

Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation 2004 Annual Report • July 1, 2003 - June 30, 2004

Dear Sisters and Friends:

The year 2004 was very successful for Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation. We received almost \$2.9 million in unrestricted bequests from Thetas! It is such a heartwarming feeling to learn that a sister has believed so strongly about her years as a Theta that she bequeathed funds to keep the fraternity strong. These bequests are an excellent example of sisters helping sisters!



Anne Sadler Budill

This year was even better than 2003, and the Foundation was able to increase the amount of scholarships, grants and programs that are available to Thetas. We are one of the largest Greek foundations and are proud of the support given to us by our members.

There are a few additional highlights from 2004 that I would like to share. The Foundation raised and awarded more than \$1 million to individuals as well as college and alumnae chapters. This was the second year that the Foundation extended the Friendship Fund to collegians. In excess of \$60,000 was granted to Thetas (alumnae and collegian) in dire financial need because of illness, loss of employment, or other tragedies. Because of your support, the Foundation was able to grant reprieves to seemingly hopeless situations.

Another wonderful testament to 2004 was the \$513,250 in scholarships awarded to 208 undergraduate and graduate members. This is the largest number of scholarships ever awarded! The Foundation also granted the Fraternity \$345,000 to provide educational and leadership training programs.

It is such a pleasure to report how your fund-raising dollars are put to work. As we are stewards of your gifts, my fellow Trustees and I are committed to ensuring that fund-raising costs remain low. We are proud that the Foundation fund-raising cost for 2004 was fifteen cents per dollar raised!

On behalf of the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation Board of Trustees, thank you for your continued support of the Foundation and the Fraternity. With your help, I am sure we will continue this excellence by impacting more Thetas than ever before.... after all, we are sisters helping sisters.

Loyally,

Anne A. Budill

Anne Sadler Budill

AX/Purdue, Foundation President

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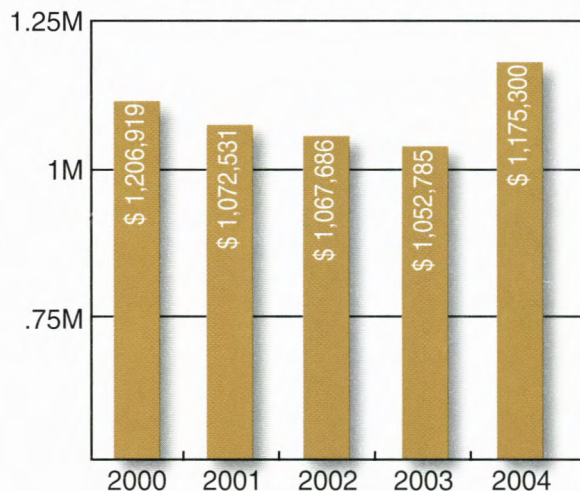
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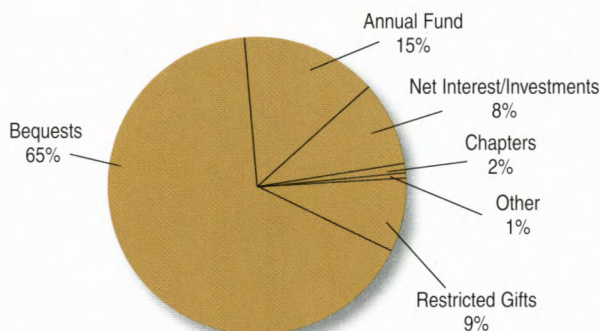
Total Scholarships & Grants Awarded

By Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation



Foundation Revenue*

July 1, 2003 - June 30, 2004



Alumnae & College Chapters	\$ 89,924
Chapter Projects	170,734
Annual Fund	666,514
Other Contributions	20,181
Bequests Received	2,854,959
Gifts to Educational Trust Fund	182,882
Named Trust Gifts	3,758
Friendship Fund Donations	55,851
Net Investment Income	329,173
Other Revenues	6,372
Realized Gain on Sale of Investments	5,771
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS & REVENUES	\$ 4,386,119

*Not including unrealized gain of \$ 2,057,415

Theta Dollars Working for Thetas

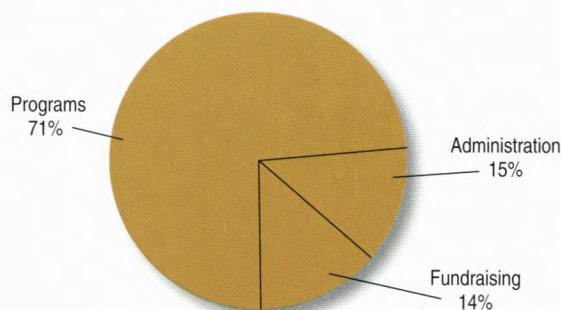
In 2003-2004, the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation ...

- ... awarded almost \$510,000 in scholarships to 208 outstanding Theta scholars;
- ... through the Friendship Fund, presented \$60,500 to Theta alumnae experiencing financial hardship;
- ... granted more than \$345,800 to Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity to supply educational and leadership training programs;
- ... awarded more than \$24,000 from named endowment grant funds to individual members, collegiate chapters and alumnae groups;
- ... granted \$30,000 to national CASA;
- ... granted more than \$23,000 to collegians to attend LeaderShape;
- ... awarded more than \$1.1 million in total grants and scholarships.

The Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation is a leader in the Greek world, distributing more money through grant-making than any other fraternal organization.

Foundation Expenses

JULY 1, 2003 - JUNE 30, 2004



Administration	\$ 265,675
General Program Expenses	58,852
Fundraising Expenses	231,072
Scholarships	509,518
CASA Grant	30,000
Friendship Fund Gifts	60,467
Chapter Projects Grant	162,252
Educational Grants to Fraternity	345,634
DePauw Memorial Library	350
Heartsprings	19,675
Leadership Grants	23,034
Other Grants	24,370
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 1,730,899

Why Support Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation?

By Lissa Bradford, AH/Vanderbilt,
1st alternate NPC delegate and former Fraternity president

Has anyone ever asked you why you support a Foundation that benefits sorority sisters? Or implied that there were more worthwhile causes to which you could give your money? Many people, even among our own Theta membership, think of sororities as purely social organizations. To them, supporting a group of sorority sisters, whether collegiate or alumnae, is frivolous compared to working with the sick, the elderly, the disabled or the underprivileged. Kappa Alpha Theta is not, however, a service agency and it is not appropriate to justify its existence on those terms.

Through scholarships, grants and underwriting Fraternity programming, the Foundation helps prepare young women to be sensitive, responsive citizens. During the years when adolescents are moving into adulthood, the Foundation makes possible educational and leadership opportunities that encourage young women to rise above mediocrity, develop their intellectual potential to the fullest, hone their leadership skills, accept responsibility for their actions and learn that real happiness comes from helping others. For the thousands of impressionable young women who benefit from our educational and leadership programs, the Foundation is an awesomely worthwhile organization to support.

**Supporting
Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation,
an organization that touches and molds,
in the most positive way, the lives of
tomorrow's mothers, teachers, business,
professional, political and civic leaders
is hardly frivolous.**



Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation congratulates the
2005

Founders Memorial Scholarship Nominees

Each year, every college chapter has the privilege and responsibility of nominating its most outstanding junior member for a Founders Memorial Scholarship. Four of the nominees are chosen to receive a \$10,000 scholarship honoring one of Theta's founders.

DISTRICT 1

Jennifer Pasko	A/DePauw
Emily Sauter	B/ Indiana
Jessica Olexa	Γ/Butler
Andrea Hyser	Δ/Illinois
Leah Peelman	N/Hanover
Amy Fitzsimmons	Π/Albion
Abigail Kissel	T/Northwestern
Holly Henderson	Ψ/Wisconsin
Emily King	AX/Purdue
Ellen Mize	BΠ/Michigan State
Tina Denu	ΔΣ/Ball State
Sarahjon Kerins	EΦ/Chicago

DISTRICT 2

Jennifer Knapp	M/Allegheny
Alana Shockey	ΑΓ/Ohio State
Katherine Quinter	BT/Denison
Rachel Nighswander	BΦ/Penn State
Andrea Phillips	ΓΥ/Miami
Caitlin Kovalkoski	EA/Dickinson
Ann Grant	EΠ/Bucknell
Victoria Martin	EΩ/Washington & Jefferson
Stephanie Chalk	ZΣ/Ohio Northern
Kimberly White	HK/John Carroll

DISTRICT 3

Janelle Weinstock	Iota/Cornell
Lisa McAllister	Chi/Syracuse
Heidi Wilder	AE/Brown
Jessica Jekkel	BΨ/McGill
Brittney Parine	ΓZ/Connecticut
Lauren Ressler	ET/Yale
Lindsay Segar	ZZ/Colgate
Janice Lin	ZM/MIT
Merritt Baer	ZΞ/Harvard

DISTRICT 4

Jennifer Gasior	BA/William & Mary
Katelin Sensibaugh	BP/Duke
Meredith Rachlin	ΓM/ Maryland
Lydia Long	ΔX/Virginia
Amy Sennett	EM/Princeton
Bryant Edwards	EO/Randolph-Macon
Christine Stroka	EP/Lehigh
Susan Darrah	EΨ/Richmond
Elizabeth Eisenbrandt	ZI/Washington & Lee
Amanda Schmidt	ZT/Delaware
Ann Monahan	ZX/John Hopkins

DISTRICT 5

Julia-Dawn Taylor	AH/Vanderbilt
Elizabeth Reichert	ΓΔ/Georgia
Michelle Bishop	ΓI/Kentucky
Rebecca Vallas	ΔZ/Emory
Noelle Casagrande	ΔΘ/Florida
Abby Moorehead	ΔO/Alabama
Kimberly Griggs	ΔY/Eastern Kentucky
Rachel Wannemacher	ΔΦ/Clemson
Elizabeth Wisman	EH/Centre
Meredith Parnell	ZH/Wofford
Mary-Scott Madigan	ZΛ/College of Charleston

DISTRICT 6

Colleen Gregg	HΘ/Central Florida
Jaime Caldemeyer	AΘ/Texas
Devyn VanDuyne	AO/Oklahoma
Suzanne Ryan	AΦ/Tulane
Nicole Ebert	BZ/Oklahoma State
Melissa Sweat	BΣ/SMU
Lucinda Rojas	ΓT/Tulsa
Catherine Lock	ΓΦ/Texas Tech
Whitney Modlinski	ΓΨ/Texas Christian
Jan Landry	ΔK/Louisiana State
Abigail Barnett	ΔΩ/Texas A&M
Cassie Smith	EZ/Mississippi
Desiree Eslami	ZY/UT Dallas
Bethany Dailey	ZΨ/So. Mississippi

DISTRICT 7

Natasha Burton	O/USC
Sarah Steinke	BA/Arizona
Jordanna Solomon	BM/Nevada
Katherine Santoso	BΞ/UCLA
Robin Mc Clelland	ΓP/UC Santa Barbara
Jenna Ghidelli	ΓX/Fresno State
Taylor Williams	ΔE/Arizona State
Lauren Nestler	EΣ/UC Irvine
Amanda Berk	ZP/UC San Diego
Patricia White	ZΩ/Loyola Marymount

DISTRICT 8

Cara Alexander	Ω/UC Berkeley
Meghann Smith	AA/Washington
Jessica Pickett	AΣ/Washington State
Mary McCarthy	BE/Oregon State
Breanna Day	BΘ/Idaho
Gina Eom	BY/British Columbia
Gabby Mason	BX/Alberta
Jennifer Allen-Brooks	ΔΔ/Whitman
Allison Blackman	HH/Albertson
Sarah Wylie	ΔI/Puget Sound
Christine Schachter	ZN/UC Davis
Catherine McCoy	HA/Santa Clara

DISTRICT 9

Marynell Jones	K/Kansas
Nichole Brockhoff	P/Nebraska
Ashley Jones	Y/Minnesota
Anne Morrison	AM/Missouri
Kelsi VanDyke	AΠ/North Dakota
Rebecca Ramse	AP/South Dakota
Breigh Roszelle	AΓ/Colorado State
Megan Abbott	BI/Colorado
Jodie Moser	BK/Drake
Drisana Young-Taft	BΩ/Colorado College
Teri Bylander	ΓN/North Dakota State
Heidi Pilloud	ΓΠ/Iowa State
Janie Anthony	ΔH/Kansas State
Gerrica Stewart	EI/Westminster

Names received as of February 18, 2005

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THETA'S CHAPTERS ARE DISTINCTIVE.



Y/MINNESOTA

Adopting a family for Christmas helped Upsilon Chapter celebrate the holiday spirit.

Δ/ILLINOIS

-Miranda Fabian

Though I'm a far stretch from a budding journalist, I've taken it upon myself to sing the praises of being a member of the Delta Chapter anyway.

Pinpointing a single event to illustrate the distinctiveness of the Delta Chapter is impossible, and I won't even attempt to do such a thing. The attribute that makes our chapter so special and extraordinary is simply our pride.

Our pride has driven us to host highly successful philanthropic events, to partake in activities for other charitable causes, to focus on maintaining an impressive scholastic ranking within the Greek community at the University of Illinois, and to radiate this pride in social settings to show others how much we enjoy and appreciate our membership in our chapter. We feel grateful for the tightknit friendships made and the fantastic college experience had through being a member of the Delta

Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta.

ΓΔ/OHIO WESLEYAN

-Shelby Larson

In October, the Gamma deutron Chapter at Ohio Wesleyan University hosted our fifth annual Mr. OWU contest to benefit CASA. We raised an all-time high of almost \$2,000! Mr. OWU is Theta's signature event on campus, and this past year, the involvement from the campus as well as the community was at its highest. Many dedicated people worked hard to make this event possible. We received numerous donations from the community for prizes and had a panel of judges that really represented the campus's different aspects. Many alumni came back to campus to watch the show, and a majority of students attended the event, allowing it to truly bring the campus together to benefit an amazing cause!

M/ALLEGHENY

-Kristen Marcheck

Mu Chapter is proud of many accomplishments in the fall of 2004. We organized our first-ever alumnae banquet as well as a Theta Twister fund-raiser for CASA; we also achieved the highest grade-point average among all Greek organizations. However, the accomplishment we are most proud of and what truly makes our chapter special is our distinction as the campus organization that logged the greatest amount of service hours this past semester. We took part in more than 250 service hours throughout the 16-week semester.

Theta is known on campus for its sincere commit-

ment to service and also for the broad range of groups that we work with, including the Bethesda Children's Home, Habitat for Humanity, and the Hog Heaven Animal Rescue Farm. Most importantly, the members of our chapter enjoy participating in community service—not only are we able to help those in need, but we are also able to spend extra time with one another. Even though accumulating 250-plus service hours may seem like a difficult feat, for us it has merely been time well-spent with our closest friends.

T/NORTHWESTERN

-Emmy Maynes

Lights! Camera! Action! Our performance of *KATs* would have dazzled the likes of Andrew Lloyd Webber himself.

Northwestern University Thetas donned their cowgirl hats in January for a revamped recruitment skit that produced a campus-high return rate of 94 percent. The skit traced Fancy Buckle's rocky road through recruitment with Country & Western jingles like "She's Gone Theta" and "Man, I Feel Like a Theta." The catch: the 12-person cast lacked a single theatre major.

"I'd never sung or danced in my life," said cast member Alicia Mumbert. "It's the best thing that's happened to my self-esteem."

Cast member Dottie Bond also stepped into the spotlight. "I thought the new country skit had a more upbeat aura that helped excite freshmen who were rushing," she said.

And, in the words of country crooner Bonnie

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-Kristen Marcheck, M/Allegheny

Raitt, Thetas sure gave 'em something to talk about.

Y/MINNESOTA

-Tarlene J. Richards

The ladies of the Upsilon Chapter at the University of Minnesota opened up their hearts this year and adopted a family for Christmas. The gifts were given anonymously to a family of three: a mother, a ten-year-old daughter, and an eight-year-old son. The chapter received a wish list of what each person needed for Christmas.

We tried to make this Christmas extra special for the family and made them blankets, bought them new toys, clothing, pots and pans, and winter coats. We were able to provide the family with everything on their wish list ... and more. This is the first year Upsilon adopted a family for the hol-

idays, and every member eagerly helped to provide gifts for the family, making this philanthropic event a huge success.

AH/VANDERBILT

-Sarah Taussig

Recruitment is one of Alpha Eta's favorite times of the year! With all of the recruitment meetings and practices out of the way, our chapter's annual rendition of *KATS* truly makes our Theta chapter special and a favorite on the Vanderbilt campus.

Each year, the new sophomore class performs a remake of the Broadway show *Cats* for the entertainment round of recruitment. They sing and dance to songs such as "Thinking Theta" (to the tune of the song "Cecilia") and "She's a Theta KAT" (to the tune of the '80s song "She's a Maniac").

Each new sophomore class has the opportunity to make up new songs and dances; this integration of new and old songs, mixed with the Alpha Eta tradition

AH/VANDERBILT

During the entertainment round of recruitment, members of Alpha Eta Chapter perform their own rendition of Broadway's *Cats*.



of the *Cats* Broadway remake, truly makes our entertainment round unique.

AM/MISSOURI

-Christine Feeley

More than 550 University of Missouri students and Columbia community members enjoyed pancakes, pastries, and juice at the Alpha Mu Main Event pancake breakfast last November. The third annual event raised \$2,000 for CASA, contributing to Alpha Mu's \$8,000 philanthropy donation.

From 11 pm to 3 am, we worked systematically to monitor griddle activity and provide anxious diners with a \$4 all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast. Thetas volunteered in shifts to cook and serve the pancakes, using ingredients and materials donated by the local Sam's Club. When shifts ended, Thetas mingled with the late-night crowd, enjoying the casual atmosphere and delicious pancakes.

In addition to the pancake breakfast, Alpha Mu's philanthropy week also featured a three-on-three basketball tournament and a CASA book drive. We await the opportunity to contribute more directly to CASA efforts when the organization opens a mid-Missouri chapter this year.

ALPHA CHI/PURDUE

-Sarah Elizabeth Smith

One special characteristic of the Alpha Chi Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity is the caring and support the members show one another. This summer, one of our members had to endure an excruciatingly painful surgery to realign both her upper and lower jaw. Not a day went by that she did not receive a call, e-mail, or letter from of her Alpha Chi sisters. This extreme outpouring of love

helped her to realize what a special bond we all have.

This support was shown again when another one of our sisters chose to spend her winter vacation on a mission trip to Jamaica. We assembled coloring books, collected toys, and made monetary donations to help the children living in orphanages in Jamaica. The island was devastated by Hurricane Ivan, which killed nearly all of the livestock, making it hard for many families to earn a living. Thanks to the support of the Alpha Chi Chapter, some children in Jamaica had a better holiday.

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-Taylor Pamperin, AΨ/Lawrence

AΨ/LAWRENCE

-Taylor Pamperin

When asked what makes the Alpha Psi Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta special, the simple answer is "everything." Everything we put our minds to on the campus of Lawrence University in Appleton, Wis., is done with poise, grace, and above all, excellence.

Being one of only three sororities on Lawrence's campus, Theta has excelled in academics, philanthropy, and sisterhood in previous years, including the 2003-2004 academic year. As recipients of the best philanthropic event award, best sisterhood event award, and highest GPA award at the Panhellenic awards banquet, Alpha Psi shines as an example of excellence at



AM/MISSOURI

Alpha Mu Facility Director Teresa Jones snapped a photo of Sara Franson as she prepared batter for the chapter's pancake breakfast, which raised \$2,000 for CASA.

Lawrence. The members of Alpha Psi are involved in athletics, student government, music, drama, arts, and hold important positions in campus organizations. The dedication to achieving the highest goals and aspirations for their chapter, as well as for themselves, is what defines the women of the Alpha Psi Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta as special.

BZ/OKLAHOMA STATE

-Andrea Redding

The Beta Zeta Chapter began the year with a great recruitment week, gaining 52 talented new members. We immediately began preparing for the largest homecoming celebration in the country. With the men of Alpha Gamma Rho, we placed second in the overall house decoration competition.

Our freshmen women participated in Freshmen Follies, sweeping the show with seven awards, including first place overall. Our annual philanthropy event, Theta Rocks the CASA, was a huge success. We hosted a concert with great student turnout, raising \$3,600 for

the local CASA shelter. Our chapter strives to devote time to various areas of the community. This has included The Flaming Festival, a Halloween carnival, nursing home dances, caroling, and an Into the Streets

project. And during the autumn semester we were excited to celebrate the 85th birthday of the Beta Zeta chapter.

BA/WILLIAM & MARY

-Jennifer Gasior

The Beta Lambda Chapter had an outstanding semester. Everything started with an amazing recruitment during which we had record-setting return rates. Our hard work was more than rewarded with a wonderful new member class.

Then, with everyone working together, we pulled off another successful Fiesta de la Casa, our annual taco dinner fund-raiser for CASA. This year, we even invited some of our favorite professors to join us for a Mexican meal. The Theta house was packed with hungry people, and we churned out tacos for hours.

Not only did the Beta Lambda Chapter as a whole work hard for CASA, but we also had an outstanding individual contribution as well. One of our junior members, Natalie Romanoff, sold White House ornaments throughout the semester. In December, she gave the money she had made to CASA. Natalie's work is just one example of the kind of women who make up the

Beta Lambda Chapter, and the Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity as a whole.

BN/FLORIDA STATE

-Jaclyn Emerick

Imagine hearing live entertainment ranging from rock bands to dance groups, being catered to by Tallahassee's most delicious restaurants, and participating in a variety of games and activities with your best friends. Now imagine doing all of this while dancing ... for 32 consecutive hours. To some, this may sound insane, but to the sisters of Kappa Alpha Theta and Florida State University students, it is something they have been preparing for all year long.

On February 12 and 13, more than 600 Florida State students stayed awake and on their feet, dancing in the 10th annual Dance Marathon. Dance Marathon is the university's largest student-run philanthropy and raises money and awareness

their fraternity partners participated in other events, including a coed flag football game, a 5k run, and Lip Sync (a choreographed skit about the purpose of Dance Marathon).

BY/BRITISH COLUMBIA

-Brieanna Ingram

The Beta Upsilon Chapter has been enjoying a very successful second year at the University of British Columbia. We have all been involved with sports activities, volunteering, and the Greek events on campus. The addition of 17 new members almost doubled our number, and—as the newest women's fraternity on campus—our numbers and positive reputation are growing quite quickly.

Theta has established itself as a group dedicated to volunteering. We sold poppies with the Dekes before Remembrance Day, as well as red ribbons for AIDS awareness week. Our close ties to the Red Cross club

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-Brieanna Ingram, BY/British Columbia

for Children's Miracle Network and Pediatric Outreach programs at Florida State University College of Medicine. Throughout the course of the Dance Marathon events, the participants had the opportunity to meet with some of the miracle children, cementing their reasons for taking part in such a meaningful and beneficial cause.

The Beta Nu Chapter was paired with two fraternities, Sigma Nu and Phi Kappa Tau. Aside from rigorous fund-raising, Thetas and

found all the Greek groups battling it out for the greatest number of food donations just before Christmas. Just in time for COB, we will enjoy the sight of a great banner across the Panhellenic building declaring that we raised the greatest amount of food: more than 435 items! Also just before Christmas, our Cakes for CASA was a hit; we raised a great deal of money and, due to its success, have decided to make the pancake breakfast a monthly event.

The beginning of Beta

Upsilon's second year at UBC has been a great deal of fun, and we have established ourselves as a presence on campus and in the Greek community.

BΨ/McGILL

-Rae Nicole Kishfy

Every year we look forward to the month of January because we know that retreat is quickly approaching. Retreat is one of our chapter's favorite Theta events; it is a time to relax, bond, and spend quality time with sisters.

Each year, Beta Psi members journey north to the country. The days are filled with fun activities such as shopping, going to the spa, skiing, or just staying at the cabin watching movies. The evenings are spent eating delicious foods while we talk and tell stories about one another. Retreat allows us to come together as a whole chapter and gives us an opportunity to get to know one another better and find out qualities we never knew our sisters had. One of our beloved traditions is the bonfire at which each Theta gets the chance to say what Theta means to her. The wonderful things people say really make you feel special to be a part of such an incredible organization.

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-Rae Nicole Kishfy, ΓΨ/McGill

ΓE/WESTERN ONTARIO

-Emma Walker

We recently held our chapter leadership workshop, and it inspired me to write to the magazine about how our

chapter is growing together. Our VP administration, Steph Gardner, did a great presentation on the *7 Habits of Highly Effective People*, which inspired a lot of discussion on goals we have accomplished, and also on goals we would like to accomplish this term.

Now that we have achieved past goals, such as increasing our membership and strengthening our sisterhood, we are working toward future goals, like becoming very well known in our community and changing people's views of the Greek system as a whole. I have never felt as proud of our chapter as I did when we discussed all the things we felt to be

our strengths, and to find out that everyone feels the same way. We generated a positive list of what makes us a strong chapter, which included things such as our diversi-



ΓE/WESTERN ONTARIO

At Gamma Epsilon's chapter workshop, members focused on chapter strengths to develop positive goals for the future.

ty and our increase in membership.

The University of Western Ontario is a large school, and while discussing why we joined Kappa Alpha Theta in the first place, one of our new members, Rachel Marinangeli said it best: joining Theta makes a big school seem smaller.

ΓN/NORTH DAKOTA STATE

-Catherine Sturm

The Gamma Nu Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta believes in service to the community. Located at North Dakota State University, our chapter is committed to CASA. Our main goal each year is to raise \$2,000, which is the amount necessary to help one child through the court system. In order to help meet this goal, our chapter sponsors an annual kickball tournament called Kicks-for-CASA.

Last spring, more than 18 teams participated in the tournament, and we raised more than \$800. Complete with food, music, and door prizes, this event proved to be an excellent opportunity for students to enjoy the outdoors, participate in friendly competition, get dirty, and have fun, at the same time

assisting to raise money for children. Kicks-for-CASA promises to be a successful yearly campus event.

Plans are currently underway to enhance our fundraising efforts for CASA by adding a 5k run to our yearly activities. Providing service through events such as Kicks-for-CASA and a 5k run offers fun opportunities for all NDSU students to make a difference in our community.

ΠI/IOWA STATE

-Ann Cannon

The Gamma Pi Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta works hard every fall to earn money for and get the word out about CASA through our Chili Dinner. We work for days on end preparing enough chili, corn bread, coffee, and dessert to feed the hundreds of people that come through the doors of our home. Many local businesses donate door prizes, gift certificates, or ingredients. There is even a prize for the person who eats the most chili!

This is a great way for us to spend some quality time with our sisters. Even though it is a stressful night for everyone, when all the guests have left, we count up what we've earned and grab some of the coveted chili for ourselves before cleaning up the mess. We were excited to donate \$1,500 to CASA this year, \$500 more than last year. Themes for the event have ranged from "Warm Up with a Theta," with penguins and mittens adorning the walls, to "Theta Chili Round-Up," with chili peppers and western decorations.

ΓP/UC SANTA BARBARA

-Ashley Kissinger

The Gamma Rho Chapter has been very successful this year in our endeavors. Fall recruitment exceeded our

expectations, and we initiated 22 new members. We are ecstatic about our new girls, who are both amazing and fun! We kicked off the year with a bang when we won Sigma Nu Relays, a fraternity philanthropy competition, earning us the title of "Sorority of the Year" at UCSB.

Our main philanthropy event, CASA Kickball, proved to be quite popular among both Greeks and non-Greeks alike. In all, 18 teams competed, and we raised approximately \$2,880 for CASA. As the holidays rounded the corner, we decorated CASA holiday bags which would later be stuffed with toys by Theta alumnae. This was not only a chance to spread holiday spirit, but to test our artistic abilities as well.



ΓΡ/UCSB
Gamma Rho members decorated holiday goodie bags for CASA kids. The bags were later filled with gifts by members of the Santa Barbara Alumnae Chapter.

Our chapter's motto is to "work hard and play hard," and indeed we did. We found the perfect balance between social and academics, and as a result we earned the highest GPA of all national sororities on campus this fall quarter. What a great year to be a Theta at UCSB!

ΓΣ/SAN DIEGO STATE

-Heather Sobota

A passion for both the

university and the community makes the Gamma Sigma Chapter at San Diego State University an exceptional group of young ladies. Our members are on the soccer team, dance team, honor society, and in the University symphony. We cheerfully give tours of our campus to junior high students as a way to promote both the university and higher education. Last year, we organized a signature philanthropy, a poker tournament, which was attended by many campus fraternities, and raised money for CASA.

In addition to being heavily involved in campus life, the Gamma Sigma Chapter is very active in the San Diego community. Our chapter sent encouraging cards of gratitude and appreciation to

the troops in Iraq and delivered Valentine cards to a retirement community as well. We also showed support for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation by participat-

ing with the San Diego Alumnae group in A Walk for the Cure, in which proceeds went to benefit breast cancer research.

We have been working hard to improve our scholarship and were proud to raise our overall chapter GPA over the all-sorority average. We started a weekly study group, established an academic mentor system, and held a scholarship banquet.

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-Heather Sobota, ΓΣ/San Diego State

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ΓΤ/TULSA

-Kristina Stanich & Maria Gaw

It would be virtually impossible to provide only one reason why the ladies of Gamma Tau are unique. Since we attend a small, private university, Theta's reach on our campus extends far beyond that of the Gamma Tau facility; in almost every organization on campus you can find a smiling Theta face! The list ranges from Panhellenic and Student Association to Young Democrats or College Republicans, just to name a few.

Not only are we very active in campus activities, but we have the brains to back it up. We have had the highest GPA among Greek women's groups for the past four semesters. We have been recognized for our service in the community by receiving the prestigious Medicine Wheel Award for the past two years, and one of our members received the individual award last year.

While we are smaller in number, our intimate size fosters closer friendships and allows us to really get to know one another on an individual basis—our size is what makes us so strong.

When all's said and done, our chapter is very diverse but united at the same time, making us stand out on our campus and even as role models for one another. Our diversity allows us to accomplish goals and represent Kappa Alpha Theta to the best of our ability!

ΔΘ/FLORIDA

-Stephanie Susskind

In November, the sisters of the Delta Theta Chapter at the University of Florida took a break from the reality of school work to attend a sisterhood retreat at Camp Kulaqua. Three events were planned for the afternoon as three groups rotated between events. One was a huge game of jump-rope. It was amazing how much teamwork it took to get more than one person under the jump-rope at the same time. The next activity involved each sister revealing her five most prominent personality traits and why each one is important to her. We were able to learn things we never knew

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-Kristina Stanich & maria Gaw, ΓΤ/Tulsa

about one another and understand each other better. Finally it was time for True Colors, a Theta tradition acquired from the District Leadership Conference. This is a great activity for self-discovery as well as for finding others with similar characteristics. The day was topped off with skits, a hay ride, and a camp fire, complete with roasted marshmallows, and s'mores. It was a wonderful bonding experience, as we learned new things not only about one another, but also about ourselves.

ΔK/LSU

-Kara Jeanssonne

Although Baton Rouge is not a fashion, technology, or entertainment capital, if you're looking for exciting and unique cuisine, Baton Rouge is the place to be. The Delta Kappas at Louisiana State University enjoy this excellent food all year. In fact, it was the interesting local cuisine that sparked the idea for our philanthropy event, Crawfish on the Clover.

In Louisiana, nearly all of the residents look forward to the crawfish season each spring. Every spring, Delta Kappa raises money for the Baton Rouge-area CASA organization, all while having fun with friends, family, and fellow Greeks. From noon until late afternoon, the LSU Thetas serve crawfish, corn, potatoes, jambalaya, and refreshing soft drinks to the patrons who come out and support CASA. Several local bands also play all day for everyone's enjoyment.

Crawfish on the Clover has been very successful on LSU's campus and was recognized at 2004 Grand Convention for the most outstanding philanthropy event. Each year, the event is antic-

ipated by not just Thetas, but by the entire Greek community. We certainly know what hits the heart of Baton Rouge—fun: food, and music.

EO/RANDOLPH-MACON

-Meaghan Hill

It has been an exciting few months for our chapter. We had an excellent recruitment and initiated seven wonderful members that we're sure will prove a positive addition to our chapter in many areas.

We are continuing our fund-raising tradition of Rock the CASA. We are happy to report we raised \$890 to donate to CASA. This is an improvement over previous years, and we are all extremely pleased with the result of our hard work. During the holiday season, we were able to sponsor a young girl, giving her gifts of a new CD player, two new outfits, and a watch to make her holiday more cheerful.

One of our number returned this January from a

semester in Australia, and we sent six more abroad, to Britain, Belgium, Italy, France, Ireland, and Ghana. We are very excited about their trips and wish them happy trails.

Overall, we had a smooth transition into our new offices, have been working extremely hard on recruitment, and are very happy and excited about the spring semester.

EO/WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON

-Amberle Stuckert

Homecoming weekend, always a period overflowing with school spirit and celebration, presented the members of Kappa Alpha Theta at Washington and Jefferson College with an opportunity to express support for their school. With skill and ingenuity, as well as with the assistance of the brothers of Delta Tau Delta, we built an incredible float that secured both first place and a \$1,000 cash prize.

With Peter Pan as its



EO/WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON

Members of Epsilon Omega were thrilled when their homecoming float won first place.

theme, the float consisted of an old wooden boat, complete with a mast and sail, and embellished with chicken wire and fabric. We spent the entire week prior to the parade covering the chicken wire with tissue paper, also known as "pompig." Of course, what really defines a float are the characters and every character from the story was included, even the crocodile!

Despite the rainy weather, no one's spirits were dampened when the day of the parade arrived. Dressed in our Homecoming shirts and armed with hot chocolate to fight the damp chill, we braved the icy rain to march alongside the float in the parade, supporting both our school and our chapter. Homecoming, therefore, became more than just a display of talent and ability, but also a demonstration of the characteristics that define and shape Kappa Alpha Theta today.

ZΘ/CAL POLYTECHNIC STATE

-Carrie Bledsoe, Editor

Every spring, the Zeta Theta Chapter at Cal Poly hosts Shooting for the Stars, a formal dinner and auction to benefit CASA. Parents, alumnae, and CASA representatives are invited to an elegant evening of dinner and dancing. Throughout the night, items donated by Thetas, their parents, and local business are auctioned off in a silent auction.

Shooting for the Stars is a popular event among Thetas and their families. Last year, Shooting for the Stars raised \$4,600 for CASA.

Zeta Theta also contributes to CASA throughout the rest of the year. In the fall, we organize Frats on the Fairway, a charity golf tournament, that results in a fun

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-Marianna Aroditis, ZΦ/Pepperdine

and competitive afternoon of golfing with fraternities. Also in the spring, we participate in Light of Hope, a ceremony which recognizes the children CASA has helped in the past year. Members also donate time year round by assisting at CASA fundraisers and events as well as becoming CASA volunteers.

ZΦ/PEPPERDINE

-Marianna Aroditis

The Zeta Phi Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta never needs a reason to celebrate. Our annual opportunity to share our sisterhood and passion for service comes every fall with our fund-raiser, SandCASA. Our day at the beach is filled with volleyball games, relays, and food. All these elements combined undoubtedly make SandCASA the best philanthropy on campus. It came as

unteering at the local Dream Center in Los Angeles, or performing beach clean ups. Our motto at Zeta Phi is that "We are fabulous AND we like each other." It is this true sisterly love and friendship that shows through whenever Thetas are together.

ZX/JOHNS HOPKINS

-Jill Preschel

The Zeta Chi Chapter is very proud to announce that three of our chapter members—Rita Patel, Shannon Change, and Mary Keough—have been accepted to medical school programs. In addition to these wonderful accomplishments, Rita Patel ran the New York City Marathon this past fall for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. The support for Rita from the entire chapter was overwhelming, but the efforts of

one chapter member stood above all of the rest. Alex Lambert created pink belts that she sold to the chapter as another means to support the cause.



ZΨ/SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI

Lesley Harrison, Allyson Liner, Melanie Winsper, Harriet Hanson, and Anna Brannin, at Zeta Psi's Kicks for CASA tournament. Winsper and Hanson are exchange students from England.

no surprise when we took home the award for best philanthropy at Pepperdine's 2004 Greek Awards. The 2004 SandCASA event raised \$1,439 for the organization. Although this is our main philanthropy, it is not our only one. We push ourselves during the year to think of places where our help is needed, such as vol-

ZΨ/SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI

-Anna Brannin

Looking around during a recent chapter meeting, I realized that out of all the unique and exceptional sisters I have, there are two who will always have a special place in our Zeta Psi Chapter.

Harriet and Melanie are exchange students studying

at The University of Southern Mississippi for a year. They hail from Bristol and Norwich, England, respectively. Having these girls as sisters has been an exciting experience for our whole chapter. Learning about their life back home is fascinating. Melanie, for example, literally passes Stonehenge driving from her home to school! There are many difference between our cultures, but it is never a problem finding similarities. (Apparently, it is just as hard to find a good man in England as it is here!)

Explaining Theta traditions and ideals to them is a constant reminder of how proud I am to be a member of my Fraternity. Harriet and Melanie are never afraid to ask questions, and even though I do not always have the answers, it just challenges me even more to learn and know as much about Theta as possible.

Although becoming a Theta is probably one of the most interesting things they have done while in America, they have experienced many other "firsts," such as Thanksgiving, fried green tomatoes, a presidential election, and even a trip to the Britney Spears museum!

When asked what their favorite thing about joining Theta was, they were quick to respond with "...always having a ride to Wal-Mart!" I know they are just joking, and I also know that although Melanie and Harriet have only been in America for one year, they will definitely be Thetas for a lifetime.

HO/CENTRAL FLORIDA

-Noel Blanchet

As one of the newer women's fraternities at the University of Central Florida, the Eta Theta

Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta does not yet have a facility. Nevertheless, we have a sisterhood that truly transcends any other housed by physical walls on our campus.

A gorgeous house, with amazing bedrooms and a great backyard, can really make a sorority stand out on a university campus. People talk about which house has the best decorated lawn or which one has the most impressive banner, yet there is so much more to our chapter than what four walls can provide. We don't need a communal kitchen for our members to meet for dinner every night; we are such good friends that most of us are not only sisters but also roommates. We don't need special decorations on our house to show our holiday spirit; we celebrate together anyway. We don't need a huge banner on our lawn telling everyone of our philanthropy; we have amazing sisters working hard year-round to help our charities grow.

We are sisters for life. And as sisters, we have worked hard together to exceed the all-sorority average GPA on our campus, to raise thousands of dollars for CASA, and to show other chapters how strong we truly are. Our women are homecoming queens, fraternity sweethearts, dance marathon "Gold Dancers," honor society presidents—active leaders in our community. We don't need a house to be special, we need only women who are themselves special, and we already have that.

Laura Bush believes the most challenging part of being the first lady of the US is defining the role itself, yet she has succeeded in doing so and on her own terms.

Whether promoting heart health to American women through National Wear Red Day, addressing United States troops, greeting a group of teachers from Afghanistan, or chatting with a classroom of elementary-school students, the Kappa Alpha Theta alumna is recognized for her characteristic strength, humor, empathy and graciousness.

Although she has said that she prefers to be known not by the title *first lady*, but for the woman she is and the work she does, she also is acutely aware of the power of her platform and is determined to make the most of it.

In the last four years, she has drawn on her lifelong passion for reading and learning, as well as her experience as an educator, to work on issues in which she believes: helping young people, advancing education and supporting teachers, speaking out for the rights of women and children throughout the world, and promoting women's wellness. A role model for many, she has received consistently high favorability ratings, proven to be an effective campaigner, and is a sought-after speaker.

In an interview for *The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine*, Laura Bush spoke with warmth and candor about the challenges and joys of her role as the nation's first lady, family life during and after the campaign, the issues about which she is most passionate, her goals for the next four years and the importance of Theta friendship.

What has been the most challenging part of being first lady?

Really just how to deal with the role of being first lady. You know, it's not an office; there's nothing prescribed by anybody else. That's always the interesting part.

Of course, for President Bush and me, what happened on September 11 determined and made such an impact on what followed in his presidency, and for me, too: Not only this whole idea of terrorism and what we can do in the United States to



an interview with

Laura Bush

The first lady speaks of her joys and challenges, the issues that engage her, and the importance of Theta friendships

By Susan Stephan Holloway, GTI/Iowa State University

protect ourselves, but also the idea of building democracy, particularly the theme of building democracy in Afghanistan and in Iraq. It's really a very fascinating time to live, and certainly it's a very fascinating time to live here in this house.

You are known for your ability to remain calm and to comfort others in times of crisis. How are you able to do that?

Well, my faith is very important to me. The president's faith is important to him as well. But also I think I just have that naturally. Both of us have temperaments and characters that enable us to deal with crises. We didn't know that about ourselves so much before, although I don't think you run for this office unless you know that you can do that. Come to find out, we could. Also we're very strengthened by the American people. We

see unbelievably great things that go on in every community here.

What advice do you have for Thetas and other women in dealing with the ongoing challenges our nation faces?

Well, my advice is to be very involved in the life of your community. One of

the things that I think helps when you live in difficult times like these times is to be able to be constructive; to do something to help in your community in some way. I'm sure that Theta women already do that everywhere, but I want to encourage them to continue to do that and to do more of it.

What is your greatest joy as first lady?

You know, it's a wonderful joy to have your husband be president of the United States, to get this vantage point that I have from the White House, and to get to see how terrific the United States is and the people of the United States are. And then also the best part is having the opportunity to work on issues that are important to me, to really have a forum—a podium, so to speak—to be able to talk about the issues that I think are important for our country and to be as constructive as I can possibly be for our country.

You have worked on behalf of literacy and heart health issues. Will you continue to focus on those areas in the next four years?

Sure, I'll continue both of those. I've worked a lot on

early childhood education. I want to extend that now to middle school and high-school-aged children. There's also a lot of new research about how to teach middle school and high school students who've gotten that far and haven't learned to read. I'm very interested in that.

I'd like to see high schools and middle schools around the country incorporate reading instruction to make sure every child who's in high school and middle school can read. We know that a lot of students who don't learn to read are the ones who drop out, the ones who get in trouble, and I think that's very important.

I'm also the honorary chairman of UNESCO's [United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization] decade of literacy, so I'll be working on the issues of literacy with a number of countries, not just the United States. Worldwide, most of the higher numbers of people who are illiterate are women and girls, because in many parts of the world the education of women and girls is not important. And I would like to change that. I'd like to work with countries around the world to make sure that everybody in those countries has the opportunity to be educated.

I'll continue to work with the women of Afghanistan and the women of Iraq, like I have already, and I'm looking forward to that. I'm really excited for Afghanistan, particularly. They've had their first election, and over 40 percent of the voters were women. That's a very exciting idea—the opportunity to build democracy with these people in both of these countries.

What was life like for your family during the campaign?

Our children—our girls, who both also happen to be Thetas—actually had moved home with us. All of us were on the road all the time. They campaigned for their dad and traveled with each other, and every once in a while they traveled with us. But when we were here, we had family dinners and tried to have as normal a life as we possibly could have.

It's not that easy during a campaign, but believe it or not, living here is not really that abnormal, when you think of what other families do. We watch television with each other, have meals with each other. We love to do puzzles—jigsaw puzzles—and we all work on those. We watch football games on Sunday afternoons and Monday nights and baseball games in the summer. And so, in many ways, we do have a very normal life.

How have your daughters been affected by the last four years?

They get a lot more attention, of course, than they would if their dad wasn't president, but really they grew. They got a lot of confidence campaigning for their father. They actually made speeches, which most 23-year-old girls don't think they would want to do. They did that, and I think they really liked being a part of it. They became interested in issues that when they were college students maybe they hadn't paid that much attention to, and one of them has gone to work as a teacher now. I'm proud of them. I think it was a very good experience for them, and it was also a maturing experience for them.

They started college the fall of the first election. Was that added stress?

It was, but it also made them really want to be as anonymous as possible. They didn't want any special attention of course, like most freshmen. But this time [the second election] they were finished with college and this is the only time in their lives—in all the different political races that

they've had a family member involved in—that they were really old enough to be involved themselves. Jenna called her dad and said, "I don't want to have to tell my children later that I never worked in any of your campaigns. I want to be involved in this one." We were really glad. We wanted them to be involved, and they chose to be.

How will life be different in the next four years, now that your husband does not face reelection?

I think that will make a difference—if nothing else, a psychological and emotional sort of difference. There won't be another campaign, and at the end of this term we'll go home. I think there's sort of a relief in that. You work as hard as you possibly can for the four years that are left.

You're well known as a book lover and avid reader. Is that how you relax?

That is how I relax. I love to go for walks too, if I have the opportunity, but I don't always have the opportunity, honestly, when I'm here at the White House. But I do read every day, and that's relaxing to me. It's a diversion. It's great entertainment, and of course it also makes for a very interesting life to read about other lives.

Are you one of those readers who stay up late reading?

I am if I have a great book going. I love that. I love it when you have such a great book going that you can't turn the light out.

Any particular current favorites?

The Kite Runner. Have you read it, about Afghanistan? It's really terrific. I'm reading a collection of essays by E.B. White that he wrote for *The New Yorker* in the '50s and '60s. He's a wonderful writer. It's always nice to have either one short story collection or essay collection on the bedside table when you just have time for one story at night before you go to sleep.

Laura Bush: The Basics

Born

- November 4, 1946, in Midland, Texas, to Harold and Jenna Welch

Education

- Southern Methodist University, bachelor of science degree in education, 1968
- University of Texas at Austin, master of library science degree, 1973

Career

- Public school teacher and librarian in Houston, Dallas and Austin school systems
- First lady of Texas
- First lady of the United States

Family

- Married to President George W. Bush
- Twin daughters, Jenna and Barbara

Kappa Alpha Theta

- Laura Bush, Beta Sigma Chapter, Southern Methodist University
- Barbara Bush, Epsilon Tau Chapter, Yale University
- Jenna Bush, Alpha Theta Chapter, University of Texas



What does your membership in Kappa Alpha Theta mean to you?

Well, of course the most important part of it is the friends who I've made from the sorority at SMU. I still see a lot of the women that I made friends with in those years. A lot of those women are still my best friends.

Every year since George was elected governor of Texas, one of the Christmas parties that I had at the governor's mansion, and now at the White House, is a luncheon, and I have my friends, who I was a Theta with at SMU, come in for that. When I was in Texas, it was mainly women who still lived in Texas who came. Now that I'm here, it's women from around the country who I went to college with who come. And of course because they're coming from around the country, they spend the night. So it's ended up still being a luncheon, but also a slumber party is part of it. And that's really fun. It's very fun for us to talk about what we did when we were in college and what life was like there. And it's also very gratifying to see how successful these women are in their lives now.

What about your daughters' Theta experiences?

Very much the same. They have really great friends they've met in their sororities. In fact, one of them is living with sorority sisters of hers in her new apartment. I think that, if nothing else, the lifetime of friendship you get from those college years is one of the most important parts of that time of your life.

Supporting women's rights in this country and throughout the world is important to you. Do you see value to Theta and Greek membership as a way of supporting women?

Well I think that's one of the ways women support each other. That's a formal way in the sense that it's a formal organization. But I know how much encouragement and strength I get from my women friends and how important those friendships are to enriching my life emotionally and in a lot of other ways. So I'm really happy the girls have had that experience as well. Women everywhere, I hope, should have the experience of having close friends. And certainly an organized sorority provides that. ♦

Initiatives & Special Interests

Helping America's Youth

In 2005, President Bush announced a new outreach effort, to be led by Mrs. Bush, to focus on young, at-risk Americans, especially young men, to help them make healthy decisions and overcome the dangers of gang influence and involvement and to help ensure a successful future for them.

Education

Laura Bush convened the White House Summit on Early Childhood Cognitive Development. She created a national initiative—Ready to Read, Ready to Learn—to inform parents and policy makers about early childhood education and the importance of reading aloud to and with children from their earliest days and which supports a number of programs for children and teachers.

Women's Health and Wellness

In honor of her mother, a breast cancer survivor, Laura Bush supports education campaigns for breast cancer and heart disease. She serves as the ambassador for The Heart Truth, a national campaign sponsored by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI) and partner organizations. The campaign's goal is to give women a personal and urgent wake-up call about their risk of heart disease.

Preserve America

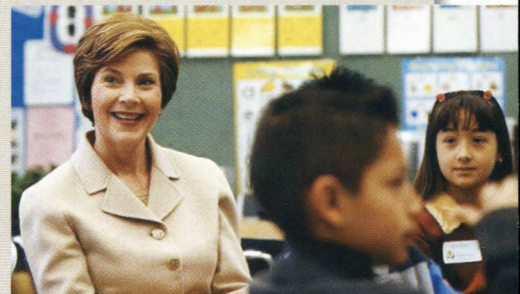
Laura Bush helped start Preserve America, a preservation initiative to protect the nation's cultural and natural heritage and highlight preservation efforts across the country.

Global Diplomacy

As Honorary Ambassador for the Decade of Literacy of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), Laura Bush leads America's efforts to bring education to people worldwide, especially to women and girls. She is the only first lady in history to record a full presidential radio address, speaking out on the plight of women and children living under the Taliban. She leads an effort to build a teacher-training institute for women in Afghanistan.

Authors and Books

A former librarian, Laura Bush is an advocate of reading and lifelong learning and shares her love of books with children and adults. In Texas and in Washington, she has sponsored and supported many initiatives urging children and adults to read, including the National Book Festival, which draws tens of thousands of book lovers from across the nation, and The Designated Reader Campaign, a PBS initiative.

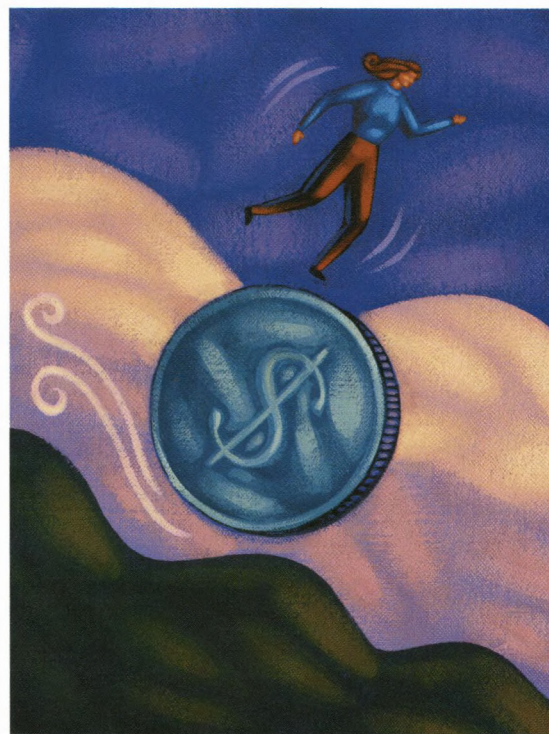


What can you do with a nickel? You're probably thinking, *Not much*. But for less than a nickel a day, you can support the development and distribution of Theta educational programs to alumnae and collegians, as well as help the Fraternity maintain and update many member services.

Building Theta's Future

Legislation at Grand Convention 2002 established a per-capita basis for alumnae dues. Alumnae who belong to an alumnae chapter pay \$15 to the Fraternity through their alumnae chapter. Thetas who live in an area without an active alumnae chapter are encouraged to pay the \$15 per capita fee directly to the Fraternity. This can be done by completing the form below and mailing it, along with a check, or by paying via credit card on the Fraternity's website, www.kappaalphatheta.org.

Theta needs each and every one of us who values the memories and lifelong opportunities for friendship, growth, and leadership she provides to support one another and our Fraternity's future. We each promised to be earnest, faithful, and enthusiastic workers for our Fraternity at the time of our pledging. It is a promise Theta needs us to keep. For less than a nickel a day, you can invest in Theta's future and the hope that she will be here for our granddaughters ... and their granddaughters.



***What can you do
with a nickel?***

**Thank you to the many alumnae who have already paid their per capita dues—
whether through their alumnae chapters or directly to the Fraternity—for 2005!**

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Alumnae Album

We asked alumnae chapter officers to share their ideas for recruiting and involving alumnae of all ages. Reading the creative, fun ideas on the next eight pages reminds us that Theta laughter, love, and loyalty aren't just for our college years, that they're for a lifetime.

Annapolis-Severna Park

by Dorothy Walt Waugh, BΞ/UCLA

The Annapolis-Severna Park Chapter participated in several fun and exciting community projects last year.

We helped publicize the

work of CASA and earned money for our local CASA by wrapping books at our

Barnes and

Noble Bookstore during Christmas. We collected food and money for the Severna Park Assistance Network (SPAN) at most of our meetings. SPAN assists many families in our community by paying heating bills or providing groceries.

Beginning in September, we dressed teddy bears and stuffed puppies for the Salvation Army to distribute to needy children at Christmas time. Our November meeting was held in "Santa's workshop" as we all worked together on this creative project. We have been dressing bears for 10 years, and this year we set a new record: our efforts

resulted in 150 imaginatively dressed bears and puppies! We were truly thrilled and proud of this noteworthy accomplishment. We love to think of how happy a child will be to receive this gift at Christmas.

Atlanta

by Peggy Cruce Jones, ΓΔ/Georgia

The Atlanta Alumnae Chapter is a widely diverse group, including members from new graduates to 75-year Thetas. Our board reflects this diversity, and we think it is one of the reasons why our alumnae chapter is so successful.

Even though we have very active young-alum, moms-with-children, and 50-year-Theta groups that meet on a monthly basis, our major events include all ages and are well-attended. We are also very involved with a college chapter and have set up an alum chum program as well as mentoring workshops. We host senior send-offs that explain the importance of alumnae membership, and we provide networking opportunities for many of them. We also publish a baby-sitting list of the college members for our alumnae.

This year we will be helping to man hospitality booths at the National CASA Convention, which will be held in Atlanta. We anticipate that our membership, both young and old, will enjoy helping out at this worthwhile event!

Baltimore

by Elizabeth Truitt Fenn, AX/Purdue

The Baltimore Alumnae Chapter will continue to strive for its goal of increasing membership and participation in the chapter during 2005. As attendance was slowly decreasing at functions over the last several years, a major revitalization effort began during the summer of 2004. This process included a brainstorming session with the advisers of the Zeta Chi Chapter at Johns Hopkins University.

After requesting a listing from

Fraternity headquarters of members living in the Greater Baltimore area, a mailing to 470 Thetas was sent encouraging them to get involved in our local chapter. We received about 65 responses and have created a database of those alumnae. We have tailored our communication to the needs of the members by corresponding through mail and/or e-mail. We produced a yearly calendar highlighting many signature events, including Founders Day. We utilize Evite.com and Yahoo.com groups for event information and invitations. We have tried hard to cater to all age groups by continuing our evening events for those 20- to 30-somethings, holding mid-day luncheons at an area restaurant, and hosting parties that include significant others and children. We realize that this will be a slow process but are excited about the future events and the enthusiasm we have seen!

If you live in the Baltimore area and would like to become involved, please contact Chapter President Elizabeth Fenn, mdboilers@verizon.net.

Boston Metro

by Margaret Geckle, ZT/Delaware

The Boston Metro Theta Alumnae Chapter continues to recruit new Thetas, young and old! Our members and potential members are spread across a wide geographic area, so our alumnae chapter relies heavily on electronic communication. With an e-mail listserv of 250 women, we communicate upcoming events, recipes, photos, apartment and job information, and much more to our entire group. A membership mailing in June reaches approximately 800 Thetas in our region.

Recently, we completed a membership renewal phonathon encouraging previous dues-paying members to join that rank once again. A second phonathon encouraged some of our older members to attend our upcoming

ABOVE: Members of the Annapolis-Severna Park Alumnae Chapter served as Santa's helpers by decorating teddy bears and stuffed puppies for the Salvation Army to give to needy children.

Founders Day celebration. Fortunately, our chapter has an extremely dedicated and passionate leadership board. The board's commitment, coupled with our general membership, allows us to embody Theta's ideals in our alumnae endeavors.

While many of our chapter's members are within ten years of their undergraduate graduation, we have a diversity of membership and strive to plan activities that appeal to all Theta women. Our most popular events include a monthly book club, an annual Panhellenic wine tasting, golf outings, monthly happy hours, a monthly dinner group, an annual cookie swap, charity walks, Founders Day celebration, and local collegiate chapter involvement.

The members of the Boston Metro Theta Alumnae Chapter embrace the lasting and important bond that Kappa Alpha Theta plays in each of our lives. If you are new to the Boston area, your Theta sisters look forward to meeting and welcoming you to our chapter.

Chicago-North Shore

by Betsy Hoza Harootyan, ΓΥ/Miami, & Martha Hoza, ΓΤΙ/North Dakota

The 2004-2005 year was off to a strong start for the Chicago-North Shore Alumnae Chapter. In the fall, we began our programming with an afternoon at the Tau Chapter at Northwestern where we watched a tape of Tau's debut on TLC's *Trading Spaces*. After hearing all of the "behind-the-scenes" details on the filming and redecorating processes, including descriptions of spending time with the carpenter, Ty Pennington, and host, Paige Davis, we took a tour of the new dining room.

In October the group reached out to our diverse, and sometimes geographically challenged, membership by offering a suburban luncheon outing and a city dinner event, both at popular new restaurants. We saw many new faces, which made the meals and conversation even more enjoyable. November followed with a scrapbooking program.

November was also a special month because members of our alumnae chapter helped install the newest Theta college chapter, Eta Nu at Lake Forest College. The installation ceremony was a first for many of us, and the initiation ceremony was also something some of us had not been a part of in many, many years. By sharing this experience with these newest Thetas, the bonds of Theta sisterhood were reinforced for us all that day.

We wrapped up our fall with our annual holiday gathering. Our 25-plus-year tradition of a steal-a-gift-exchange brought out the competitive nature in many members, and the wrapping paper was flying. It was a perfect way to end the first half of our year.

Dallas

by Amanda Miner Davison, ΓΤ/Rollins

How do we recruit and involve Theta alumnae of all ages? That's easy. Our members recruit new members because they know that membership in the Dallas Alumnae Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta is fun. The majority of our activities are social in nature. Social activities provide opportunities for forming friendships. And friendships developed through Theta are proving to be "for a lifetime."

In addition to having a choice of attending day and/or night meetings, we offer many well-organized interest groups. Depending on the day of the week, one can choose to lunch at a local restaurant with the lunch bunch or to dine at members' homes with the brown baggers, who have been gathering together for about 30 years. Bridge Club is always well attended, as is the young professionals monthly supper club. The success of these groups proves that eating together with friends clearly satisfies much more than just hunger.

In addition to these activities, we host a holiday lunch in December. We invite the local area Theta collegians who have returned home for the holidays and their mothers to join us. And, in April, we gather at a local country club for what has become our annual bingo luncheon complete with both lovely and outrageous prizes.

Members join for a host of reasons, to be sure. But what stands out in my mind are the friendships. Being part of a suc-

cessful project, be it as grand as our Festival of Trees fund-raiser, or as traditional as the Founders Day luncheon, is very rewarding. Being recognized within your community because of your Theta alumnae chapter's many successes and successful members builds pride. Pride in your organization's accomplishments creates a desire to belong.

Member recruiting? It's easy. Membership equals friendship.

Denver Alumnae Chapter

by Edie Beier Bell, ΒΤ/Colorado State

The Denver Alumnae Chapter has more than 300 members of varying ages. Our kickoff program in August 2004 was an event that successfully encouraged members of all ages to attend. At this program, members were asked to bring something they had personally made to be auctioned, with proceeds going to the Denver Educational Trust Fund. Younger Thetas and Thetas new to the Denver area were especially encouraged to come to this program and were sent a special invitation welcoming them to the area and offering them free admission to the program. The wide variety of items that Thetas baked, knitted, sewed, crafted, painted, or photographed was truly impressive!

A young Theta mom was the winning bidder on a darling hand-knitted infant's sweater made by Betty Friday, Alpha Psi/Lawrence, who has been a Theta for 60 years! Members loved showing off their crafting skills and having the opportunity to acquire something truly special, all while benefiting our Fraternity. This program was a great start to our year of interesting programs, and those who attended learned a few new ideas while seeing the unique talents of our Theta sisters of all ages.

Fort Worth

By Sarah Elliott Webb, ΔΩ/Texas A&M

This year, the Fort Worth Alumnae Chapter had its most successful Christmas brunch ever! Alumnae, college members, and future Thetas enjoyed holiday treats prepared by the board members, as well as the company of each other.

This event was more successful than in past years since dues-paying members were encouraged to bring a Theta friend. Our chapter has discovered that asking our Theta friends to attend events is the easiest way to increase our numbers. Alumnae who had been inactive in the past were able to enjoy the fun, and we hope this will lead to an increased membership. We also included



Lucky Dallas Bingo Winners, Betsy Lawson, Jane Willingham (in back), Melissa Macatee, Susie Woodall and Lynn Lemon.

in the invitation all college members from the Fort Worth area, as many were home from their respective campuses for the winter break. The Fort Worth Alumnae Chapter looks forward to year of growth along with many more victorious turnouts.

Greater Fort Myers

by Susan Poindexter Delago, EG/Stetson

Thetas in sunny southwest Florida (Greater Fort Myers Alumnae Chapter, including Punta Gorda, Alva, Sanibel, and Estero) meet four to six times a year to renew friendships and make new ones. We are privileged to live in an area where there are twice as many people in residence in the winter. Talk about a melting pot of Thetas! We are proud to have Thetas from all over the country in our chapter.

An initial mailing in August encourages Thetas to attend general meetings scheduled from October to April. In addition, we have an evening social, usually a dinner, and a daytime social, usually an activity highlighting our area's history or culture. We invite all Thetas to our functions and try to plan activities that will appeal to all ages. Come join us for fun in the sun!

Greater Waco

by Kyle O'Brien Stevens, BΣ/SMU

The fourth annual Theta "Rock the CASA" concert, on the Baylor Campus in November, was another smashing success for the Epsilon

Epsilon Chapter. Three bands played to the crowd full of Baylor students, who enjoyed catered barbecue and beverages in the beautiful setting of the Baylor Marina on the Brazos River. The Greater Waco Alumnae Chapter was recruited to add baked dessert goods, and we responded to the call with 30-plus dozen baked goods for those attending to enjoy.

Several alumnae also attended the event and enjoyed a little "rocking" themselves. The event was a tremendous success, as attendance was huge and Epsilon Epsilon raised approximately \$3,000! Way to go, alumnae of Greater Waco and collegians of Epsilon Epsilon. Rock on!

Houston

by Judy Camp Sauer, AΘ/Texas

The Houston Alumnae Chapter has a varied schedule that keeps us on our toes. We start the year with a very big bang, with the acclaimed Theta Charity Antiques Show. This show, preceded by a glamorous and well-attended preview party, brings some of America's (and often Europe's) most prestigious dealers to town for four days in September.

We have general meetings with interesting outside speakers in October and November, a Christmas brunch honoring our collegians in December, a Founders Day Luncheon in January (This year's luncheon featured Karen Ledbetter, president of the Fraternity,



Registration teas have been a key to increasing membership in the Oklahoma City Alumnae Chapter.

and Anne Budill, president of the Theta Foundation), a luncheon honoring our philanthropy recipients in February, neighborhood parties in March, and a special event in April. We finish the year at a luncheon with a speaker, and at this same meeting our new officers are installed.

In addition, we have four very busy special interest groups that meet on a regular basis: Bible study, bridge, antiques study and an investment club (that is making money!). There are two night groups that meet monthly: one for Thetas who have graduated since 1990 and the other for anyone who can't get to the daytime meetings.

Lincoln

Susan Beard Lange, P/Nebraska

After several years of waning membership, the Lincoln Alumnae Chapter is hoping to bring back the twinkle of twin stars shining over Lincoln, Neb. The task began with a new slate of officers—some older, some newer, all with a passion for Theta.

This year, the board's focus is primarily on building the membership base. Variety in programming and different membership dues levels will definitely attract alumnae of all ages. For the first time, the Lincoln Alumnae Chapter is offering a reduced membership fee for more senior members who have so loyally supported the alumnae group in the past.

Programs interesting to all

The Lincoln Alumnae Chapter hosted an alumnae/new member dessert, featuring three belly-dance instructors.



ages include the annual Christmas party at Rho Chapter, to which alumnae bring their children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews to see Santa, decorate cookies, color, and hear Christmas stories. This year 20-plus alumnae attended. In January, Rho Chapter's new members were invited to dessert and belly dancing at a Lincoln alumna's home. The alumnae enjoyed meeting the new members, and bellies of all sizes shook with delight as we learned this fascinating dance.

In early February, Founders Day is celebrated with a luncheon and a gift basket silent auction. We always have a delightful gathering as we honor our 50-year members and award scholarships to Rho collegians.

In the spring, we will honor the graduating seniors from Rho Chapter. These members will be the next generation of Theta alumnae, and we hope they will continue to stay connected with their Theta sisters. We will provide them with information about being Theta alumnae and encourage them to contact the local alumnae group in the city where they settle.

Future plans for the Lincoln Alumnae Chapter include welcome packets for Thetas moving into the Lincoln area, alumnae social events/fund-raisers interesting to all ages, and more involvement with the Rho Chapter.

Mid-Cities

by Joy Donovan Brandon, AO/Oklahoma

Members of the Mid-Cities Alumnae Chapter, located between Fort Worth and Dallas, look forward to our Theta collegians coming home from college for their winter break.

That's when our alumnae of all ages host a brunch honoring them. In addition, all the alumnae are invited to bring their legacies (no matter what their ages!) to the brunch. We have our 50-year Theta mixing with our very young alums, and our college girls have an opportunity to meet the high school girls and the little ones in velvet dresses.

One of our alums opens her home for this holiday party, while the other members provide the muffins, fruit, and other goodies. It's a new tradition for us that seems to be as popular as a pansy!

Northern Virginia

by Katherine Egan Bennett, ΔZ/Emory

Like many urban areas, Northern

At their holiday event, members of the Palm Beach County Alumnae Chapter decorated stockings.



Omaha Alumnae Chapter members hold an annual holiday silent auction. Proceeds benefit the Chapter's patron program to fund scholarships for local Omaha Thetas.

Virginia (just outside Washington, DC) is a large area full of Theta sisters of all different ages and in all different points in their lives. Therefore, we have found it challenging to program events that appeal to new college graduates, working mothers, and empty nesters.

Fortunately, the diversity of the Washington, DC, area has allowed us to plan interesting events that appeal to Thetas of all generations. For example, last spring at our Founders Day, we were honored to have Michele Ridge, former first lady of Pennsylvania and wife of Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge, talk to guests about the exciting challenges she has faced.

Another popular activity this year was an outing at the new Air and Space Museum that features the space shuttle. Thetas were encouraged to bring their significant others and children to a special tour led by a Theta and her husband, both docents at the new museum. In 2005, we will also be holding an event at a local embassy where Thetas will be able to visit the embassy and learn about a new culture.

Oklahoma City

by Cathy Hurt Scheihing, AΘ/Texas

The Oklahoma City Alumnae Chapter has a registration coffee each spring,



which allows members to pay their dues while enjoying good company and refreshments. The coffees have been so successful, with increasing attendance, that they are now offered on two consecutive days at different locations.

All recently graduated Theta alumnae are invited as special guests to the September evening meeting. This fall, collegians from the Alpha Omicron Chapter at the University of Oklahoma entertained us with member recruitment songs, then joined Thetas, young and old, for dinner and socializing.

The March meeting honors all past alumnae chapter presidents. Our well-attended and popular 50-year Theta special interest group keeps our older Thetas connected and involved.

Omaha

by Kara Ryckman, K/Kansas

Five years ago, the Omaha Alumnae Chapter started our own "Theta-base" to better organize members' and potential members' information. Tired of keeping track of paper lists and various disks of information, Jessica Covi, Beta Kappa/Drake, started the Theta-base with an electronic list from the Fraternity. We now track name and address information, as well as information specific to our chapter: who has paid dues, who is interested in hosting a meeting or contacting prospective new members, etc. It allows us to be efficient in creating our yearbook, producing labels for mailings, and sending out e-mail invitations for meetings.

Operations are now much more efficient, but we still make the effort to call all members annually to verify that all information is accurate. Other chapters can set up a similar system using Microsoft Excel or Access. Our Theta-base has made it easier to stay connected and effectively communicate ongoing chapter activities to all Omaha Thetas.

Palm Beach County

by Maria Figueiras Ford, EΘ/Stetson

The Palm Beach County Alumnae Chapter makes every effort through a variety of means to aggressively contact potential new members for our chapter. Our corresponding secretaries obtain from the Fraternity twice each year the file of all the Thetas in our county. This is used to produce on postcards invitations to our Founders Day celebration.

Additionally, our president and phone committee contact selected Thetas in their area to invite them to Founders Day. Then, at the event, all Thetas are asked to join our chapter that day

and receive a directory including the names and addresses of all county Thetas.

Pasadena

by Lois Srb Miller, P/Nebraska

Add some zip to your alumnae membership! Try hosting "ZIP code coffees," as the Pasadena Alumnae Chapter did at several convenient locations. Hours were early enough to attract young professionals and late enough so carpooling mothers could make it after drop-offs. Special interest chairmen touted bridge, books and cooking. A nice mix of new faces and faithful members turned out. And every Theta within each ZIP code received a personal call from a board member reinforcing the mailed invitation and alerting them to coming events.

Phoenix

by Heather Breuninger Granato, EΨ/Richmond

Located in one of the fastest growing cities in the United States, the Phoenix Alumnae Chapter takes every opportunity to attract sisters of all ages, from graduating collegians to retirees, and everyone in between. Our membership mailing in the spring is sent to all Phoenix-area Thetas, and lets them know of our upcoming activities, current schedule, and dues structure. We continue the communication throughout the year through the use of monthly e-mails, quarterly newsletters, and all-Theta mailings for major events including our Founders Day celebration (held in conjunction with the Delta Epsilon Chapter at Arizona State) and Spring Wine Crush fund-raising event.

Founders Day is a highlight of the year for attracting members to celebrate their membership and reconnect with old friends; last year we had more than 20 50-year Thetas, including several who joined us from the West Valley Alumnae Chapter. We take special care in developing our event calendar to include events of interest to all ages, with special interest groups that appeal to different age ranges. This year's holiday event, for example, was a new one—a holiday high tea at a tea house in central Phoenix. We brought in several new members, both younger and older, and hope to expand this event in the future. And, as always, our Senior Celebration helps bridge the gap between graduating seniors and alumnae membership. Seniors are not only



Approximately 15 Phoenix-area Thetas broke out their white gloves for a holiday high tea and teacup exchange in December 2004.

introduced and formally welcomed, with ritual, into their alumnae state, but also receive a gift from the Phoenix Alumnae Chapter and a one-year membership to our group, which more than 10 graduating seniors took advantage of last year alone.

Portland

The alumnae in the Portland Alumnae Chapter have recently rededicated ourselves to recruiting new members of all ages! In addition to our annual events, such as our summer picnic and fall "souper supper," we're working on adding new events to generate excitement and draw new members.

This fall we had a wine-tasting tour, visiting Oregon wine country for a day and stopping at a fun bistro for lunch. A new spring event is in the works, possibly a trip to a local nursery where we'll learn gardening tips and purchase plants to take home. We've also asked in our newsletter if Thetas would be interested in starting a young moms' activity group, a night kites social hour for recent graduates, and interest groups such as a book club or scrapbooking circle.

We use our e-mail list to communicate with members more frequently but have not phased out "hard copy": many Thetas still prefer to receive something in the mail, and that goes for our printed directory, too. We're always on the lookout for new ideas and will be distributing our annual survey at Founders Day to determine what interests our members the most!

Reno

By Jennifer Ritorto Newmark, BM/Nevada

The Reno Alumnae Chapter has focused our programming on linking alumnae and collegians. In 2004, we partnered our traditional senior break-

fast, which welcomes Beta Mu members into the alumnae chapter, with a new alum chum program, which supports the newest alumnae members as they make the transition from college to career.

The senior breakfast traditionally honors graduating Beta Mu seniors at the University of Nevada and welcomes them to their new alumnae status. Alumnae, friends, and family attend the event, and Beta Mu presents a clever slide show of favorite Theta moments, starring the seniors. The Reno Chapter hosts alumnae speakers to talk about their experiences and Theta's effect and relevance on their career and personal lives. Both alumnae and graduates enjoy reliving their most memorable college moments.

The new alum chum program was launched at the 2004 senior breakfast. Seniors identified their fields of interest and were matched with alumnae in similar career fields. "It's more often who you know rather than what you know" is sage advice, and we believe the alum chum program gives Thetas a head start.

In 2005, we are expanding the program into an ongoing network for all collegians and alumnae, not just graduates. We hope this outreach will help Thetas in their college careers as well as professional ones. Opportunities for internships, job shadowing, or just a chat over lunch help bond Thetas of every generation together.



A senior breakfast hosted by the Reno Alumnae Chapter honors Beta Mu seniors graduating from the University of Nevada.

San Francisco

by Patricia McCrary, BZ/Oklahoma State

The San Francisco Alumnae Chapter requests in-kind community service donations at every alumnae event and participation has been excellent.

For the fall mixer, we requested travel-size toiletries that could be donated

to families in need. Hundreds of items were collected for Casa De Las Madres, a shelter and support service for battered women and their children.

For our holiday party, new toys and books for children ages 4 to 12 were collected for the Telegraph Hill Neighborhood Center in San Francisco. The Center is a non-profit resource for self-help and empowerment for families of very low to moderate incomes.

We will continue to serve local groups that need in-kind donations. Our chapter members, from the newest graduate to 50 year+ Thetas, can participate in our philanthropy and know that they are making a difference in our community.

San Mateo

by Jennifer Flannery Keleher, A/X/Purdue

The college members of the Phi deutron Chapter at Stanford University organize an annual fund-raiser called Theta Breakers, which is named after San Francisco's famed 12K race, Bay to Breakers. This year, members of our alumnae chapter joined in the fun. I would say we joined in the Theta Breakers race, but I must admit that most of us sauntered our way to the finish line instead of racing! It is difficult to run while talking and taking in the beauty of the campus, but we still helped raise money for CASA. Our chapter president's daughter, who is one of the founding members of the new college chapter at Santa Clara University, joined us too! We not only had a wonderful blend of collegians and alums, but also a wonderful blend of Thetas from different universities.

Sarasota

by Cindy Pappas, BΣ/Colorado College

The Sarasota Area Alumnae Chapter has been rolling along for many years with great success. We have more than 100 members who enjoy weekday luncheon programs, we hold our Founders Day celebration on a Saturday, and we

also hold an evening event with guests.

We have tried a number of different events to attract younger Thetas, such as a Sunday boat trip with families, an after-work get-together, and a downtown lunch bunch. Unfortunately, none of these events was successful in attracting younger Thetas.

The local Panhellenic Chapter, on the other hand, has many young members, including its president, Lona Voigt, Beta Nu/Florida State, who spoke at Founders Day. Panhellenic events include Saturday lunch and weekday evening events without spouses or guests. The active, "young at heart" Floridians are eager to share our activities with the younger Thetas. To accomplish this, we have increased our membership in Panhellenic to get to know younger Thetas and have added some new events that will be held on Saturdays and weeknights. We are determined to keep trying different functions until we succeed in involving alumnae of all ages.

Santa Barbara

by Maureen Guerrero Null, Φ/Pacific

For the fifth year, members of the Santa Barbara Alumnae Chapter were Santas for CASA. After months of asking for donations and rounding up new toys, gift certificates, sports equipment, books, CDs, and more, we met for an afternoon to fill holiday bags with goodies for CASA kids.

We held the tea early in December so that women from the Gamma Rho Chapter at UC Santa Barbara could attend, and five of them did! Members of Gamma Rho had decorated the white gift bags at a sisterhood pajama party. The bags, marked with the age and gender of each child, were lined up in every room of hostess Debbie Babai's

lovely home. A local school, Mountain View, also adopted the project, so we had an additional 200 gifts to put in the goodie bags.

As always, CASA staff

Members of the *San Mateo Alumnae Chapter* joined members of the *Phi deutron/Stanford Chapter* in their annual fund-raising race, *Theta Breakers*.



The *Sarasota Alumnae Chapter* comprises more than 100 members. Three of them—Doe Greenough, A/X/Purdue, treasurer; Cindy Pappas, BΣ/Colorado College, secretary; and Patti Kelly, Γ^Δ/Ohio Wesleyan, president—posed for a photo.

members attended the tea, as well as the social editor of the *Santa Barbara News-Press*, who wrote an article about the project. As a result, several members of the community donated gift items, small toys, and toiletries. Although confidentiality regulations prevent us from meeting the CASA children who receive our gift bags, it is enough to be able to bring a small bit of joy to those innocent victims who have had so little.

South Hampton Roads

by Jennie Moreau, EO/Randolph-Macon

The South Hampton Roads (Virginia) Alumnae Chapter has been very busy this year. We began the year with an activity-packed January. The chapter hosted a spa-day fund-raiser on January 18, celebrated Founders Day on January 24 at the Duck In, and attended the Panhellenic play *Run for Your Wife* on January 25. In February, the chapter participated in the annual Big Brother/Big Sister bowling for kid's sake event. We elected new officers in the spring and held a barbecue and business meeting in the late summer. In November, we held a tea to recruit new members from the area. Monthly dinner club meetings continue to be a chance for members to interact.

St. Louis

by Pam Puerner Campbell, BT/Denison

Active St. Louis alumnae are involving more and more local sisters of all ages in exciting new activities which have produced some wonderful and charitable results.

The second Movies in the Moonlight event for the public, chaired by Kim Tuttle, Gamma Phi/Texas Tech, netted almost \$22,000 for three local CASA chapters. The spectacular evening in late



August featured catered refreshments at a stunning outdoor setting in Clayton's Memorial Park. The main attraction of the night was the showing of the film *Breakfast at Tiffany's* on the giant open-air screen. Admission was free; proceeds came from donations, gifts from attendees, and corporate sponsorships.

The St. Charles County CASA Chapter was a first-time recipient of funds from Movies in the Moonlight in 2004. All dues-paying members and all Thetas residing in St. Charles County were invited to a special presentation brunch with CASA personnel and family court judiciary. This gathering was planned to attract alumnae from the St. Charles-area suburbs.

A silent auction and cocktail party benefiting the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation will be held again in May 2005. We are hopeful that the \$2,472 revenue from last year's event will be generously surpassed. Participants are Thetas of all ages and their guests.

Without a doubt, activities which are enjoyable as well as philanthropic bring recent and veteran St. Louis Thetas together.

Tampa Bay

by Krista Wood Rechterik, BO/Iowa

For the past several years, the Tampa Bay Alumnae Chapter has struggled to come up with interesting and entertaining events that would appeal to our diverse population of alumnae. We've tried potluck dinners, safety courses, dessert nights, and wine-tasting parties. But one event that continues to draw the new, as well as the seasoned, Theta alumnae together is our dinner club. Under the leadership of Marcie Mueller, Epsilon Theta/Stetson, the dinner club has met every quarter at a different restaurant in the Tampa Bay area. After

At a Coffee for CASA, the *St. Louis Alumnae Chapter* presented a donation to St. Charles County CASA. This is the largest donation given to the CASA chapter by an organization and will be used to provide special parties and gifts to the children served by CASA.



four years of service, Marcie recently turned over the reigns to Jennifer Marsland, Lambda/Vermont, and we're looking forward to some more great culinary treats! The most exciting part, from a membership standpoint, is that there are always new faces at every dinner ... proving that food is also the way to a Theta's heart!

Tulsa

by Lynda Burris Linscott, AO/Oklahoma

The Tulsa Alumnae Chapter has been working diligently to include our alumnae in all age ranges in our programs. In May, our chapter held a mother/daughter tea; more than 70 Thetas and their guests were present, including many collegians and their mothers as well as alumnae and their young daughters. Thetas and their guests sipped on tea and punch, enjoying one another's company, while the young daughters of alumnae were entertained by a roaming magician and a balloon artist. Delicious delights such as sandwiches, petits fours and cookies were served. It was a perfect afternoon, with everyone dressed in her afternoon tea party attire.

Since this event, the Tulsa Chapter has instituted Thetas' night out, which is a program designed to get our most recent Theta graduates involved in the alumnae group. Using e-mail, contact is made with recent Theta graduates to set up dates and times for meetings for dinner at various restaurants in Tulsa. We advertised this program in our *Kitetails* publication and on E-vite.com.

Other programs included our kick-off event at a local nursery, where we were informed of the appropriate plantings for our area while we sipped wine and enjoyed delicious hors d'oeuvres. Alumnae of various ages attended this relaxing and fun-filled event. In



Members of the *Woodlands Area Alumnae Chapter* were pleased at the success of their Founders Day celebration.

December, we held a gift exchange at a luncheon, and once again, alumnae of various ages attended this event.

Our Founders Day luncheon was held in January; 50- and 75-year Thetas attended and addressed the gathering. Collegians from the Gamma Tau Chapter were also present to help us celebrate. In May, we are holding a fund-raiser for CASA—Amigos de CASA—that is dinner and drinks with a Mexican-theme.

Tyler

by Ronda Coonrod Cullen, ΓΦ/Texas Tech

In Tyler, Texas, our alumnae chapter mainly stays focused on young women who pledge Theta each year. We welcome the girls and then keep up with them throughout college. After they graduate, we invite them to join our alumnae group via mail and also try to make contact through Junior League involvement, church, PTA, word of mouth, etc.

We also invite new members to our alumnae group in much the same way. Whenever a Theta moves to Tyler, we ask her to join us by sending her newsletters and invitations to our various activities. We also encourage Thetas new to the area to attend the annual city-wide Panhellenic spring event, at which the alumnae of Tyler meet the young women who will be participating in college recruitment during the coming year. This event allows alumnae to meet various members of all the sororities represented in Tyler and the chapters of schools in East Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Mississippi, and many states surrounding Texas.

Vancouver, BC

by Katie Stockton Salbuik, BY/British Columbia

This has been an outstanding year for our alumnae chapter. We are back, and

so excited to be here. After watching the re-establishment of the Beta Upsilon Chapter at the University of British Columbia and pledging ourselves in 2003 to the alumnae chapter, we set our sights on assisting with the opening of the new UBC Panhellenic House. Several of our members who were part of the original planning committee continue to sit on the various boards connected to Panhellenic House, while other members over the past year have given their time on the Beta Upsilon advisory board and facility corporation board, as well as furnishing the chapter room, cooking meals during recruitment, attending and speaking at college chapter meetings, participating in initiation, and planning Founders Day.

As a new alumnae chapter, our first priority was to support the college chapter through the advisory board and to establish the facility corporation board. Now that those two goals have been achieved, it is time to build the alumnae chapter. The plan is to start small and build.

Wichita

by Linda Gould Ralston, AΥ/Washburn

The Wichita Alumnae Chapter makes an effort to contact all new alumnae coming into our area. Our vice-president in charge of membership keeps our directory up to date and often highlights new members with short biographies in our newsletter. Sometimes incoming alumnae contact our president, who then e-mails or calls them to invite them to events.

Recently we sent a membership survey to all area Thetas via our newsletter so we can assess members' needs and wishes. Sometimes we ask new members to bring food to an event since this is a simple way to get involved. In addition we offer rides to events so new people will feel more comfortable in attending.

Woodlands Area

by Cynthia James Bohannon, BΣ/SMU

Our chapter hosted a spectacular Founders Day Celebration that was the highlight of my two-year term as president. How did we do it?

Communication, personal contact, and lots of fun. We are a small chapter of about 25 dues-paying members, but live in an area with more than 150 Theta alumnae. Our board meetings and regular meetings attract pretty much the same five to 10 people. To attract new members, we need a great activity to promote interest, but we just do not have enough manpower to organize

and host a big event. The alternative? We put all of our energy into a fabulous Founders Day.

To get the word out and hold down our costs, we sent e-mails and made phone calls. We sent out a newsletter in the fall and put the Founders Day date and location on the bottom of the holiday party invitation. Invitation postcards were mailed to all members. By having our luncheon the first Saturday after January 1, we took advantage of the fact that six collegians were still on holiday break and very anxious to attend. We will follow-up with an article in our spring newsletter, encouraging all to attend next January.

The Founders Day-in-a-Box resource was one of the many useful things explained at the Road Show. I copied the information from the website and followed the directions, choosing the ideas that worked for our group. It was much appreciated to have the ritual words and songs included in the attractive, tri-fold program. Pansy-decorated name tags were also helpful. The result was a beautiful ceremony that reminded each member of the privileges of being a Theta and the special responsibilities that membership holds.

I asked each Theta attending to take part in the ceremony because Theta belongs to all of us. The candles honoring the past were lighted by the collegians, because they are the future of Theta. The founding members have entrusted each of us to maintain the principles and promote the future of this Fraternity by being a part of a local chapter and attending Founders Day.

When living in a smaller community, it may take more effort to pull the group together, and sometimes you feel it is a lot of work for a small turnout. But you never know when a new member will join the group who will be the zealot to lead the chapter to great things. As wonderful as my college years were, by far the best years have been as an alumna of Kappa Alpha Theta.



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ETA MU/OCCIDENTAL

Imagine attending a college with no Greek system. No sisterhood retreats in which to giggle and just be yourself, no pride in being part of a group with the highest GPA on campus, and no bonds of sisterhood that strengthen friendships and make lifelong ties. This was the case at Occidental College in Pasadena, Calif. until a few women, who knew of family and friends touched by Theta, decided it was time for a change. After months of hard work by these young women, educational leadership consultants, and Fraternity officers and staff, Kappa Alpha Theta became the first National Panhellenic Conference group on the Occidental College campus.

On November 6, 2004, 45 women were initiated into the Eta Mu Chapter at the Omicron/USC facility. "The charter class is a very diverse group of women, and every one of them is involved. Each member is a leader, and all members are motivated," said Jill Dittoe, A/DePauw, educational leadership consultant. A banquet at the Valley Hunt Club concluded the evening, and more than 120 family members and friends of the new initiates were in attendance for the celebration.

The installation team, made up of educational leadership consultants and Fraternity officers and staff, ensured the weekend was a success. The team included Karen Ledbetter, ΓT/Tulsa, Fraternity president; Carole Brophy, AN/Montana, Fraternity vice-president public relations; Angie Molina, ΓΦ/Texas Tech, fraternity music coordinator; Robyn Powell, ZP/UC San Diego, college district president; Silvia Sfiligoi, ZP/UC San Diego, public relations district director; Betsy Corridan, BO/Iowa, executive director; Kelley Hurst, BI/Colorado, director of chapter services; and educational leadership consultants Courtney Sierk, BΔ/Arizona; Jill Dittoe, A/DePauw; and Jillian Mathias, HI/San Diego.

Thank you to the members at Omicron/Southern California, who opened their hearts and facility to host and assist with the initiation service. *-Amber Stormer, N/Hanover*



Charter members of HM/Occidental proudly display their chapter's charter.



Four members of the team that installed the Eta Mu Chapter at Occidental College.

"The women are SO excited about what they are a part of! Every Thursday the women dress up in chapter attire and wear their badges to class for 'Theta Thursday.' Ritual appreciation is extremely apparent."

*- Courtney Sierk,
BΔ/ Arizona, educational leadership consultant*

ETA NU/FOREST PARK

Just a few weeks after the installation of Eta Mu, another new college chapter was established: Eta Nu, which was installed at Lake Forest College in Lake Forest, Ill. on Saturday, November 20, 2004. Initiation and chartering services were conducted by Mary Jane Beach, BN/Florida State and former Fraternity president, at the Tau/Northwestern facility. During the services, a mother of one of the members brought her badge to pass on to her daughter, reminding everyone of the special bond Theta can bring to its members.

The celebration continued at a reception held at the historic Deer Path Inn. Many alumnae and advisors from the Chicago suburbs were in attendance to show their support and pride for Theta's newest chapter. The new members were formally introduced by Carole Brophy, AN/Montana, Fraternity vice-president public relations, and Chris Waugh, director of community and leadership development at Lake Forest, provided greetings from the college.

The installation team worked hard to make the day memorable for everyone. The team included Mary Jane Beach; Carole Brophy; Anne Budill, AX/Purdue, Foundation president; Angie Molina, ΓΦ/Texas Tech, Fraternity music coordinator; Julie Gilpin, A/DePauw, college district president; Kristen Hellquist, BK/Drake, public relations district director; Betsy Corridan, BO/Iowa, executive director; Kelley Hurst, BI/Colorado, director of chapter services; Teresa Silvia, Φ/Pacific, financial management consultant; and educational leadership consultants Jillian Mathias, HI/San Diego and Lindsay Kosisko, ΓΘ/Connecticut.

-Amber Stormer, N/Hanover



Members of the Eta Nu installation team posed with Chris Waugh, director of leadership and community involvement at Lake Forest.



HN/Lake Forest charter members.

"I have personally been able to see how founding members can create traditions in a chapter and build a strong foundation, and I want the same for these Eta Nu women. Signing your name on a charter is a once-in-a-lifetime experience and one that will always be special to all founding members of our college chapters."

*- Jillian Mathias, HI/San Diego,
educational leadership consultant*

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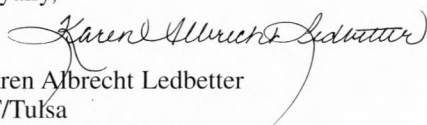
THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS

April 18, 2005, marks the second annual International Volunteer Recognition Day for Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity. In honor of this very special day, we asked collegians and alumnae to let us know how a Theta volunteer in their life has inspired them. Your responses to us were overwhelming! How wonderful to know that you appreciate the Theta volunteer in your life. Below are a few examples of what we received. We hope they encourage you to let the special Theta volunteers in your life know how much they mean to you on April 18.

On behalf of Grand Council and the Fraternity staff, thank you to all of our volunteers.

You truly Inspire by Example!

Loyally,


Karen Albrecht Ledbetter
ΓΤ/Tulsa
Fraternity President



Deborah Quarles, our ABC, has supported our chapter through every possible facility issue.... She does all of this work without ever asking for any recognition or thanks. She is truly an ideal Theta!

*Jessica Fink, AΦ/Tulane,
Facility Manager,
AΦ/Tulane*

Holly Morris, our advisory board chairman, has inspired our chapter in many ways. I know that she holds Theta very dear to her heart, and it radiates out of her. She is always very excited about Theta and comes to all of our events that she is able to attend with the most uplifting attitude. Holly has been there to answer any of our questions and explain everything to us that we don't understand.... I think she has been an inspiration to many women in our chapter.

*Stacey Vanover, Π/Albion,
vice-president development,
and Amanda Suydam, Π/Albion,
vice-president education*

Susan Weber, our ABC, has been a huge inspiration to our chapter. She cares deeply about every member of our chapter and always makes sure each officer is doing her job to her fullest potential. Her warm heart and dedication to the Alpha Theta Chapter inspires us all to do our best in serving this chapter.

*Caroline Nash, AΘ/Texas,
chapter president*

Peggy Jones, Atlanta Alumnae Chapter president, is a dedicated volunteer for Theta. She has done a wonderful job as alumnae chapter president.... Under Peggy's stewardship we have moved into the 21st century with a new website connecting the alumnae chapter with our two college chapters and new alums in the area.... We are fortunate to have Peggy in the Atlanta area, and our board certainly looks forward to the next volunteer position she cares to assume as long as it is for Theta.

*Mary Jane Handlan, M/Allegheny,
Atlanta Alumnae Chapter treasurer*

I've heard it said that when you give a gift of material goods, you give little. Rather, it's when you give the gift of yourself that you truly give. If this is true, and I believe it is, then Lissa Bradford, 1st Alternate NPC Delegate, has given Theta a tremendous bounty.... She will help anyone who asks her, and she always has a kind word to say. There is so much about Lissa that is inspiring, but the most fitting thing I can say is that she is the epitome of Theta and everything our founders wanted us to be.

*Amy Kates, AΦ/Tulane,
Fraternity VP Membership*



75-Year Thetas Honored at Founders Day

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WOMEN CHANGE AMERICA

Think back to your high school history books.... How many accounts of women history-makers and role models did you read there? Probably very few. Up until the later quarter of the 20th century, women's contributions to society were largely ignored in mainstream school texts. In fact—despite generations of historical influences—a study in the 1980s showed school textbooks devoted only three percent of their content to women's contributions, and there has not been a great deal of change since.

It is a subtle disenfranchisement that has continued long after women won the right to vote. Twenty-five years ago, The National Women's History Project formed to right that wrong. Its efforts led to the annual celebration of National Women's History Month—in schools, on campuses and in the workplace—and vastly increased programming resources to balance the picture of women's place in history.

However, until women's contributions are equally represented in all classrooms, the efforts to "write women back into history" must be ongoing. Kappa Alpha Theta's records provide overwhelming evidence that not only do Women Change America (the Project's theme for 2005) but they also change the world. Choose your arena, and you will find a Theta who made significant contributions, perhaps even poked a hole in the glass ceiling long before that term was coined. In salute to the National Women's History Project's 25th anniversary, our Through the Years columns of 2005 will focus on writing Theta women back into history.

PROGRESSIVE-ERA SOCIOLOGIST

Annie Marion MacLean, AK/Adelphi College, 1907

Annie Marion MacLean, born in Nova Scotia, Canada, earned her BA and MA Degrees at Acadia University in Nova Scotia. Then—in her quest to become a sociologist—MacLean went to Chicago. At the University of Chicago, she became the first woman to receive a PhM (Master of Philosophy) degree and the second to earn a PhD. She taught at McGill and Stetson before joining the University of Chicago faculty, as a member of the extension department, and she continued to teach in this role for 30 years. From 1906 to 1911, MacLean also was professor of sociology at Adelphi College, in Brooklyn, NY. An admired and beloved faculty member, in 1907 Annie Marion MacLean was asked to become a member of Theta's new chapter at Adelphi, and she accepted.

During her career, MacLean also served the YWCA as professor, researcher, and director of the organization's sociological investigations. Much of her ground-breaking research and writings were based on her experiences working undercover alongside women toiling in fields, sweatshops, and factories. MacLean's work was in the forefront of the women's rights



Annie Marion MacLean



Margaret Floy Washburn

movement of the Progressive Era and helped to bring positive change. Repeated references to MacLean in Kappa Alpha Theta journals of the 1910s and '20s illustrate the profound admiration and affection accorded MacLean by her Theta sisters in the United States and in Canada

FIRST WOMAN TO RECEIVE PHD IN PSYCHOLOGY

Margaret Floy Washburn, PhD, I/Cornell, 1892

Born in New York in 1871, Margaret Washburn graduated from Vassar in 1891 and then—against many odds—sought graduate education in psychology. Denied acceptance as a regular student at Columbia, she was allowed to audit classes in experimental psychology there the following year. Because Columbia would not offer any woman a graduate degree, Washburn then went to Cornell to study under renowned professor Edward Titchener and received a PhD in psychology in 1894, the first woman to ever reach that mark. While a student at Cornell, Washburn also became a member of Kappa Alpha Theta.

Washburn's teaching career took her to Wells College, back to Cornell, to the University of Cincinnati, and then back to Vassar in 1903, where she became a full professor and remained until her retirement in 1937. A dedicated teacher and scientist, Washburn led Vassar to becoming a renowned center of excellence for both training and research in the field of psychology.

Washburn was focused and prolific, with scores of papers appearing in professional journals. She also served in editorial roles for multiple scholarly journals. She published two books; her first, *The Animal Mind* (1908) has had lasting importance in the field of psychology and is a classic still available.

Washburn served on the council of the American Psychological Association and as its president, only the second woman to do so. She was elected to the National Research Council and was the second woman (following Florence Sabin) to be elected to the rarefied National Academy of Sciences, a fact which was proudly noted in *The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine*.

"Nothing in the world is so compelling as the mind of another human being."

-Margaret Floy Washburn

"If it's true that 'kind hearts are more than crowns,' there's a lot of nobility among the working girls."

*-Annie Marion MacLean,
The NY Times,
November 29, 1908*

What Is a PAS?

• A VITAL LINK FOR THETA •

The permanent alumnae secretary (PAS) is an officer of the Fraternity who maintains records of all initiated members of active and disestablished chapters. She works closely with the Fraternity's membership coordinator and the vice-president administration of the active chapter.

It is important that members notify the Fraternity of name and/or address changes. When a member's magazine is returned to the Fraternity as undeliverable, the member is then considered "lost." The PAS provides an important link in helping to find these members.



Sound Interesting?

The following chapters are currently in need of a PAS:

AO/Texas
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ΓΠ/Iowa State
ZI/Washington & Lee



Any questions regarding the PAS position may be addressed to Lou Simpson, director of permanent alumnae secretaries, Lwetstein@msn.com; 248-642-2468.

Thirteen permanent alumnae secretaries (PASes) attended Grand Convention 2004 in Indian Wells, Calif.

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NEXT
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I Spy ...

a profile of Jean Marzollo,
author of the "I Spy" series
and other popular books for children

Recruitment Results ...

curious about how your chapter did during recruitment?
The results are in!

Happy Anniversary ...

the Gamma Psi Chapter at TCU celebrates 50 years

Plus ... all our regular features

Member Recruitment Guide

Member Recruitment Directory

The spring issue of *The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine* has traditionally included a member recruitment directory, a listing of contact information for recruitment reference board chairmen (RRBCs) and authorized recruitment representatives (ARRs). This listing was provided because all letters of reference should be sent to the RRBC or ARR in the potential new member's hometown.

Unfortunately, because of reappointments and changes to street addresses, e-mail addresses, and phone numbers, the recruitment directory was out of date almost as soon as it was printed. In addition, we came to feel that asking members who might want to write a reference to keep a magazine—sometimes for a full year, depending on the timing of recruitment—was an imposition on those members.

In 2004, we began posting the member recruitment directory on the Kappa Alpha Theta website. It is updat-

ed at the beginning of each month and so is far more accurate than the printed version. To access the current directory, go to www.kappaalphatheta.org. Log into Thetas Online, and click on The Form Zone. Click on

Recruitment Forms and then click on the PDF icon next to Recruitment Roster. The RRBCs and ARRs are listed by state or Canadian province and then by city. (If there is no RRBC or ARR, references should be sent directly to the chapter at the school the potential new member is attending. Addresses of college chapters

may be found in the Theta Directory area of www.kappaalphatheta.org.) Contact information for RRBCs, ARRs, and college chapters may also be obtained by calling 800-526-1870.

As you can see, the reference letter form is available on the facing page; the legacy introduction form appears below. These forms may also be found on the Theta website, in the same area as the Recruitment Roster.

The KAΘ
Member Recruitment
Directory is available at
www.kappaalphatheta.org

KAΘ Legacy Introduction

Do you have a sister, daughter, granddaughter, or great-granddaughter who will attend a college or university with a KAΘ chapter? Complete this legacy introduction form and send it to the Theta chapter on the campus your legacy plans to attend.

This introduction does not take the place of a reference. Please make sure a *Letter of Reference* form is completed on behalf of your legacy.

To _____ Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta at _____
COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY

I wish to introduce my ☐ sister ☐ daughter ☐ granddaughter ☐ great-granddaughter, _____
NAME

She will be enrolling on your campus as a ☐ freshman ☐ sophomore ☐ junior ☐ senior beginning _____
DATE

Parents _____
NAMES

STREET CITY STATE/PROVINCE ZIP CODE

Her school address will be _____

Signed _____
FIRST MAIDEN LAST

Address _____ Phone (____) _____
STREET CITY STATE/PROVINCE ZIP CODE

E-mail _____ Chapter/School: _____ Year initiated: _____

Kappa Alpha Theta Letter of Reference

(To be used only by members of KΑΘ)

What to send

Complete information about the potential new member's qualifications is essential and a picture of her is highly desirable.

Where to send

Send references to the potential new member's hometown recruitment reference board chairman (RRBC). If there is no reference board for the potential member's hometown, send references to the authorized recruitment representative (ARR). If there is no ARR, send references to the reference chairman for the college chapter the potential member is attending. Do not send letters of reference to Fraternity headquarters.

Who can send

Any alumna member in good standing may submit letters of reference.

Current undergraduate members in good standing may submit letters of reference for potential new members attending universities other than their own.

Remember Theta and NPC Guidelines

Once recruitment has started, alumnae and collegiate members from other campuses must NOT contact members of the college chapter to inquire about progress. Such calls must be addressed to the chapter's membership adviser. Alumnae should neither expect to receive any information about the status of a specific potential new member nor expect to receive bid list information. Alumnae are also prohibited from sending food or gifts in any form to the chapter on behalf of a potential member. Breaking Panhellenic rules may cause the chapter to be penalized.

I. Potential New Member Information

Name of Potential New Member	LAST	FIRST	MI	NICKNAME
Reference for	Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta at UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE			
Entering as	<input type="checkbox"/> Freshman	<input type="checkbox"/> Sophomore	<input type="checkbox"/> Junior	<input type="checkbox"/> Senior
Age				
Hometown				
High School	NAME, CITY & STATE		Graduation Year	
Class Size	Class Rank	Scholastic Average	ACT/SAT	
College(s) Attended	NAME, CITY & STATE		GPA	
Parent(s) or Guardian(s)	FULL NAME		MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME, IF KNOWN	
Home Address	STREET	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE

II. Potential New Member Connections

A Theta legacy is defined as a daughter, granddaughter, great-granddaughter, or sister of a Kappa Alpha Theta in good standing. Stepdaughters, step granddaughters, step great-granddaughters and stepsisters are considered legacies if their Theta family member in good standing considers them as such and if the Theta asks that they be considered on the legacy introduction form.

Kappa Alpha Theta Legacy Information: ☐ sister ☐ mother ☐ grandmother ☐ great-grandmother

Please indicate if this is a step relation: _____

Name FIRST MAIDEN LAST Chapter

Name FIRST MAIDEN LAST Chapter

Other KΑΘ Relatives Chapter

Other women's fraternity connections: Name Relation Fraternity

Name Relation Fraternity

For RRBC/ARR Only

RRBC/ARR	Signature
Address STREET CITY STATE ZIP CODE	Phone and/or e-mail
Comments	

For Chapter Use Only

Required written follow-up with sponsor, RRB or ARR:	
Acknowledged reference	by
Notification of outcome	by
New member information submitted online:	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
If pledged by KΑΘ, send this reference to Fraternity Headquarters within 14 days; if pledged to another NPC group on your campus, please destroy this reference. If not pledged to any NPC group, retain this reference for two years.	

III. Qualifications and Attributes



Please write your personal evaluation of the candidate you sponsor. Provide information and relate her qualifications to Kappa Alpha Theta's 4-Points of the Kite.

Please check and add comments and examples at right. *(May attach sheet if space provided is not adequate)*

Scholarship

- ☐ Honor Student
- ☐ Enrichment Programs
- ☐ National Honor Society
- ☐ Likely to Finish College

Personality

- ☐ Good Moral Character
- ☐ Loyal Member
- ☐ Dependable

Presentation

- ☐ Socially Congenial
- ☐ Compatible in a Group
- ☐ Reserved/Quiet
- ☐ Poised

Leadership

- ☐ Widest Influence for Good
- ☐ Extracurricular Activities
- ☐ Volunteer Activities
- ☐ Leadership Abilities
- ☐ Commitment

IV. Suggested topics of conversation during recruitment

V. Endorsement

Please check applicable statements

- ☐ The family and/or this woman is able to assume financial obligations of fraternity membership.
- ☐ To my knowledge, this woman is not, nor ever has been, an initiated member of an NPC group.
- ☐ I hereby recommend this woman for membership in Kappa Alpha Theta based upon:
 - ☐ My personal acquaintance with her. I have known her for _____ years.
 - ☐ My acquaintance with this woman is through her family. I have known them for _____ years.
 - ☐ I do not know the potential new member; information was secured from a reliable source (mutual friend, teacher, clergy, Panhellenic files, etc.). That source is _____
- ☐ I do not recommend this woman for membership in Kappa Alpha Theta. If further clarification is desired, a member of the chapter advisory board may contact me.

Name _____ Initiated _____ CHAPTER/DATE _____
Address _____
E-Mail _____ Signature _____ Date _____

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by Margaret Fawcett Edwards

National League of POW-MIA Families

by Angela Bryant Forrence

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by Jill Nelson

Nathania Nisonson

by Dr. and Mrs. Barton Nisonson

Andrea Ogden

by Debbie Ogden

Lois Rogers Olsen

by Laurie Macdonald Baker

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by Kyle Hartvickson Handegard

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by Julie Ann Myers

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by Janet Herdman Dukes

Marvella Dyck Pauls</

Carole Frankovich Brophy's election to Council

by Janet Schoeller Knight

S. Anne Burcham and Chanukah

by Lorie Larson Land

Alexis Casillas

by Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Casillas

Chi Chapter Class of 1956

by Mary Ann Ellis Hardenbergh

Terese Dynjan

by Heidi Bielenberg Pollmann

Jacque Fowler's Birthday

by Marilyn Morse Wright

Lorraine Laffan Frazier's Birthday

by Sue Laffan Thompson

Gamma Omega Chapter

by Shannon Gallaspy Fisher

Tenley and Spencer

by Gale Hays Van Ort

Mrs. Helen Holden's 95th Birthday

by Tracey Anne Worme

Deborah "Debby" Moss Kelley

by Pamela Pederson Hall

Aiden Michael Kelly

by Marcia Wolff Thompson

Karen Albrecht Ledbetter's election as Fraternity President

by Janet Schoeller Knight

Heidi Linehan

by Carol Campbell Renfrew

Janelle R. Machin

by Manuel A. Machin

Marriage of Wilma W. Arbuckle to Dr. Walter Bethune

by Ilene S. and Larry Lyman

Marriage of Sara Rablin

by Christine Moyer

Carrie McKnight's Education Commitment

by Maureen Fahey Bowers

Tyler Reed Murphy

by Cindy Murphy

Maureen Null's Birthday

by Sue Laffan Thompson

Jill Pedicord Peterson's becoming a Trustee

by Kathryn Loser Clair

Helen K. Reeves

by Carol L. Berg

Tracy and Bridget Regan

by William and Susan Regan

Gabriella and Annika Sandleman

by Rachel Curtis Sumnerford

San Jose-South Bay Alumnae Chapter

by Caroline Taylor

Margaret Sands

by Kent and Susan Sands

Hannah Serbinski's 1st Birthday

by Kyle Hartvickson Handegard

Laura and Yaelle Shaham-Smart

by Denise Smart

Melissa Shaub

by Lindsay L. Sell

Rebekah Cooper Smart

by Laura D. Smart

Colleen Smith's Engagement

by Diane Lochner

Rebecca Wallstrum

by Anita Wallstrum

Rebecca F. "Becca" Winder

by Judy Winder

Ann Woodward

by Carol Kneagbaun Butler

Anna Ziegler's Graduation

by RC and Mary Ziegler

Katherine Cobb Baker

by Adele Baker McCarron

Thomas "Bud" Barnaby

by Phyllis Barnaby

Darlene Richards Barnes

by Lee Ann Tate Powell

Marianna Carter Batt

by Patsy Carter Roberts

Lindy Baugh

by Kathryn Baugh Nielsen

Lois Baugh

by Kathryn Baugh Nielsen

Caroline Hahman Bayfield

by Carol Bayfield Garbutt

Susan Schoenberg Benzing

by Jodie Moody Miller

Sheila Patterson Beukema

by Barbara Beukema Richard

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by Cleveland (East) Alumnae Chapter

Anna Ward Boardman

by Mary Boardman Ciaschini

Earl Bracken, Jr.

by Sarah Lou Graves Bracken

Adeline "Pud" Lake Branham

by Lynn Jones Fight

Eugenia Freeman Brann

by Stillwater Alumnae Chapter

Ruth Price Brewster

by El Paso Alumnae Chapter

Elinore Gibbs Brueckner

by Nancy Brueckner Scherrer

Marianne Cory Dillon Buell

by Deborah M. Buell

Lorena Woodrow Burke

by Mary K. Deckman Campbell

Martha "Robin" Raub Burns

by Westfield Alumnae Chapter, by Cynthia Johnson Crowley

Colleen Byrne

by Heidi Krasel Dobrott

Jane Pound Cason

by Zoe E. Coulson, by Judy Kirkpatrick McKinney, by Linda Markins Sorensen, by Ruth Pence White

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by Dorothy Means Herrington

Katharine "Kay" Howard Coates

by Orange Coast Alumnae Chapter Day Group

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by Anne Burr Salliers

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by Leslie Schmidt Williams

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Joan Flack Rudolph

by Candy Beauland Jefcoat

Margaret Hager Schumacher

by Barbara Schumacher Richardson

Eugenia "Genie" Neu Shiley

by Anne Eiler, by Betty Guastalli

Frances McKenna Silverman

by Jean Ross Graham



VIRGINIA LAUDERDALE GRIMM

1906 - 2004

"Graciousness, intellectual curiosity, sympathy, integrity, a flare for friendly contacts...." This description of Virginia Lauderdale Grimm, Omicron/USC, was published in the October 1948 issue of *The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine*. It is a description echoed by those who met her, including Sue Farrell Supple, Alpha/DePauw, former grand president, and Florence Ashby, Beta Nu/Florida State, former Foundation trustee.

"Ginny was a true example of a Theta lady. I visited her in her home one time and found her to be intelligent, gracious, and possessing a wry sense of humor," said Supple. "I always wished that I had known her when she was serving on Council."

Ashby, who worked with Grimm on the historical pageant featured at Theta's Centennial Convention, described her as "...very organized and gracious. She had done a wonderful job of researching the pageant."

Ginny Grimm's Kappa Alpha Theta service encompassed vice-president and president of both the St. Paul and Evanston Alumnae Chapters, district president (1937-1942), grand vice-president (1942-1946) and grand president (1946-1948). Fraternity expansion was a highlight of her term as grand president. Seven new college chapters—including Gamma Mu/Maryland, Gamma Nu/North Dakota State, and Gamma Pi/Iowa State—and 23 new alumnae groups were founded in a two-year period.

Perhaps influenced by the world

war which had just ended, Grimm's Theta presidency also emphasized cooperation and understanding. In May 1947, she wrote, "So let us not lose faith in ourselves, or in our ability 'To make an ideal live,' but join forces to continue to develop the moral, social, and mental qualities of our undergraduates to prepare them to meet the 'higher and broader demands of mature life.'"

After her tenure as president, Grimm served as Theta's national committee chairman for Fraternity education (1948-1950) and national committee chairman for pledge education (1949-1950).

Ginny Grimm died at her home in Juno Beach, Fla., on November 2, 2004. A few months before, she had celebrated her 98th birthday. In addition to being devoted to Theta, she was also active in a number of community organizations, which, over the years, lauded her business and organizational skills. She was a member of the board of the Kenilworth Girl Scout Council, Evanston Hospital Benefit, Evanston Infant Welfare, Winnetka Auxiliary Cradle Society, Neighbors of Kenilworth, Kenilworth Garden Club, Kenilworth Council of Garden Clubs, and the Kenilworth Historical Society.

Grimm's work with the Kenilworth Historical Society was extensive, beginning in 1952 and lasting until she and her husband moved permanently to Florida 48 years later. She set up the first complete filing system for all

of the historical society records and initiated a library of reference books on gardening.

As civic chairman of the Kenilworth Garden Club, Grimm was responsible for all the memorial gardens in Kenilworth, as well as Centennial Garden in Winnetka and the Inner Court Garden at the Chicago Art Institute. As a result of her contributions in the field of civic achievement, she was awarded the Garden Club of America's Medal of Merit for Civic Achievement.

Ginny Grimm is survived by a daughter, six grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband of 71 years and her daughter, Barbara Grimm Brown, who was a member of the Tau Chapter at Northwestern. Nancy Brown Montejano, a granddaughter, is a member of the Delta Zeta Chapter at Emory.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation to benefit the Virginia Lauderdale Grimm Scholarship. This scholarship was established in 1986 by the Chicago North Shore and Evanston North Shore Alumnae Chapters and is given to sophomore or junior members of any Theta chapter who are residents of Illinois and who exhibit high scholarship and outstanding leadership. Since 1986, seventeen outstanding collegians have benefitted from Virginia Lauderdale Grimm's scholarship legacy.



Albion

Janis Molner
1958; May 2004

Arizona

Susan Conniff Podrasky (Mrs. Richard)
1954; December 2004

Baylor

Nelwyn Green Trippet (Mrs. Horace)
1976; May 2004

Butler

Betty Boettcher
1938; November 2004
Roberta Cramer Carlsen (Mrs. Christian)
1931; November 2004
Mary Landers Hickman (Mrs. Jack)
1952; April 2004

Jeanette Zerr McNaught (Mrs. Harry)
1942; November 2004

Elizabeth M. (Betty) Daly Walker (Mrs. Garl)
1935; August 2004

Cornell

Joan Clifton Bosshardt (Mrs. Richard)
1952; December 2003

Barbara Mayr Funk (Mrs. Richard)
1948; December 2004

Denison

Harriett Herron Little (Mrs. Jess C.)
1933; January 2004

Stephanie Beck May (Mrs. T. Stephen)
1959; March 2004

Eleanor C. McCann
1929; March 2004

Barbara Frederick Mott (Mrs. Richard)
1945; March 2004

Ann Platt Schettler (Mrs. Herbert)
1930; February 2004

DePauw

Betty Fitton Altorfer (Mrs. Edward)
1937; June 2002

Drake

Lois Harris Haefele (Mrs. Donald)
1934; November 2004

Duke

Ella Carolyn McIntosh
1931; January 2004

Florida State

Katrina A. Froeschle
2000; November 2004

Lucille Hodsdon Page (Mrs. Bryan)
1930; August 2002

Fresno State

Julie McLeod Hadili
1970; November 2004

George Washington

Roberta Lohoes Smythe
1957; November 2004

Goucher

Ruth Anne Winslow Baldwin (Mrs. Richard)
1943; October 2004

Nancy Larrick Crosby (Mrs. Alexander)
1927; November 2004

Indiana

Patricia Swart Gorham (Mrs. Charles E.)
1958; October 2004

Eugenia Neu Shiley (Mrs. Sam)
1937; November 2004

Mary Eckels Wallace (Mrs. Harry)
1948; September 2004

Kansas

Catherine Burchfield Cavert (Mrs. Wm. C.)
1943; October 2004

Somehow,
somewhere,
meet we must

-John Greenleaf Whittier



Lawrence

Marian MacRae Budde (Mrs. John)
1935; November 2004

Louisiana State

Janet Lynn Gwatney Robinson
1986; November 2004

Massachusetts

Mary Jean Carpenter Burr
1943; July 2004

Gloria Harrington Casey (Mrs. Mark)
1944; November 2004

Michigan

Doris Willard Allen (Mrs. Kenneth)
1944; September 2004

Michigan State

Sherry Wales Bigelow
1940; April 2003

Betty Gilbert Roan
1931; January 2000

Martha Daly Wolfson
1965; October 2004

Missouri

Nancy Holden Flamank (Mrs. George)
1938; June 2004

JoEllen (Jody) Mathis Hamilton (Mrs. Lanny)
1962; October 2004

Jeannette Dewyl Kassebaum (Mrs. Allen)
1937; June 2004

Nebraska

Marjorie Smith Allen
1933; November 2004

Nevada

Elizabeth Carpenter Riker (Mrs. O. P.)
1930; March 2002

North Dakota

Bonnie Jean Hanschu
1966; July 2004

Mary Comings Olsen (Mrs. K. F.)
1931; July 2004

North Dakota State

Dolores Martinson Matz (Mrs. Marvin)
1947; December 2004

Doris Abel Smith (Mrs. Glenn)
1948; October 2004

Northwestern

Mary Virginia McKee Leighton (Mrs. Walter)
1932; October 2004

Ohio State

Elizabeth Hanlon Cavezza (Mrs. Edward)
1982; September 2004

Susan Clark McCarthy (Mrs. Jack)
1948; November 2004

Carol Barricklow Mullin (Mrs. James)
1932; November 2001

Ohio Wesleyan

Dorothy Trimble Ganahl (Mrs. Joseph)
1955; May 2004

Margaret Luthy Poh (Mrs. George)
1946; May 2004

Janis Anne Fox Williams
1992; December 2001

Elizabeth Anne Birmingham Yager (Mrs. Leland)
1938; April 2003

Oklahoma

Creilly Harman Pollack (Mrs. Peter)
1951; October 2004

Oklahoma State

Wilhelmi Dawson Johnson (Mrs. Chas.)
1939; December 2003

Oregon

Louise Rickert Reynders (Mrs. John)
1930; September 2002

Jean McDonald Wells (Mrs. James)
1933; September 2000

Penn State

Janet Herd Kirch (Mrs. John H.)
1950; November 2004

Pennsylvania

Mary Mercer Allen (Mrs. Ross)
1937; May 2004

Pittsburgh

Mary Dyke Acklin (Mrs. Charles)
1932; December 2004

June Greene Cameron (Mrs. Donald)
1935; November 2004

Christine Ruoff Walker (Mrs. Charles)
1929; September 2004

Purdue

Martha Raub Burns (Mrs. Jerome)
1940; November 2004

Jane Pound Cason (Mrs. F. Lynn)
1951; December 2004

Elinor Ellison Kilkenny (Mrs. Thomas)
1930; November 2004

Evelyn Blackford Shute (Mrs. Raymond)
1924; July 2004

Lisa Anne Weiland (Mrs. Thomas)
1971; November 2004

Dorothy Test Wolf (Mrs. Mark)
1934; July 2004

Randolph-Macon Women's College

Gayle King Blankenship (Mrs. Charles)
1957; November 2004

Mary Jane Hill Crayton
1923; August 2003

Mary Sue Simmons Gottcent (Mrs. Joseph)
1940; January 2004

Harriet Doud Lattimer (Mrs. David)
1930; October 2004

Mary Wilkinson McDonald (Mrs. J. Ward)
1957; February 2004

Alice Flack Minatra
1948; December 2002

SMU

Ruth Price Brewster (Mrs. Jack)
1949; October 2004

Norma Bates Spencer (Mrs. William)
1938; September 2004

South Dakota

Shirley Brookman LaGrave (Mrs. Charles)
1940; December 2004

Stanford

Esther Scott Sertich (Mrs. Joseph)
1930; December 2001

Syracuse

Katherine Sherwood
1934; September 2004

Texas

Ida Mae Autrey Baker (Mrs. E. B.)
1935; September 2002

Jo Cherry Holman (Mrs. Richey)
1949; September 2004

Kathryn Bryson Simonds (Mrs. Floyd)
1948; November 2004

Johnnie Reed Wallace (Mrs. David)
1936; November 2004

Texas A&M

Elizabeth Jane Garland Grant (Mrs. Bill)
1976; October 2004

Texas Tech

Dolores Battles Earls (Mrs. Gayle)
1958; October 2004

Kay Donahue Hughett (Mrs. Maurice)
1953; November 2004

UCLA

Dorothy Brown Ofstun
1930; April 2004

USC

Virginia Lauderdale Grimm (Mrs. Willard)
1926; November 2004

Virginia Koster Holmes
1941; September 2004

Vanderbilt

Nan Haile Callaway (Mrs. James)
1947; August 2004

Carolyn Womack Corson (Mrs. Harry)
1950; November 2004

Kathryn Swiggart Pilcher (Mrs. Matthew B.)
1933; September 2004

Margaret Thompson Smith (Mrs. H. Laird)
1934; July 2004

Washburn

Dorothy E. Roberts
1955; April 2004

Washington

Ruth Abel Vance Lea (Mrs. Richard)
1927; April 2004

Julie Ann McCaw Uran (Mrs. Gordon)
1962; January 2004

Washington-St. Louis

Adeline Lake Branham
1943; December 2004

Wisconsin

Patricia Pauschert Price (Mrs. Thomas)
1948; November 2002

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